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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:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH R MCDONALD, O125492, Field Artillery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 September 1944, during an advance to occupy a commanding hill north of AVRIL, FRANCE, the 1st Battalion, ** Infantry encountered intense enemy resistance, and those men who had reached the summit of the hill were driven back by attacking enemy forces. Lieutenant MCDONALD, Field Artillery liaison officer on duty with the Infantry Battalion, perceived the losses which must result should the enemy occupy the hill and instantly, alone and without regard to his own safety, climbed to the bare crest of the hill in order to secure observation for friendly artillery. Although at times the fire of all the enemy's weapons appeared to be directed against him, he advanced upon the forward slope and by radio directed effective artillery fire against the enemy, destroying two of their tanks, badly damaging others and decimating the attacking troops. Lieutenant MCDONALD then withdrew briefly from the incessant fire directed against him. When he returned to the hill to post a forward observer at the position he had occupied he was mortally wounded by enemy artillery fire. The extraordinary heroism displayed by Lieutenant MCDONALD, his courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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 CHRISTIAN H CLARKE JR, O18213, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 18 August 1944, the ** Infantry Regiment was attacking strong enemy positions in the FORET DE SOUFFRE, near ARGENTAN, FRANCE. Early in the attack Colonel CLARKE, commanding the regiment, suffered a painful and partially disabling wound, but realizing the critical nature of his regiment's mission and the need of vigorous leadership, he courageously continued in his duties, visiting forward elements and coordinating the attack. Only when he had assured himself that satisfactory progress was being made did he permit his wound to be dressed. He then returned at once to his combat duties and found that the regiment had encountered increased resistance. At one position in the front lines, while under intense enemy artillery fire, he personally directed the fire of a 57mm gun, inspiring

the gun crew by his heroic leadership. Under his calm direction they disabled two enemy tanks and a half-track vehicle. Because of Colonel CLARKE's skillful direction the attack was notably successful. The forest, containing large enemy ammunition stacks, was captured; 35 enemy tanks, 250 pieces of artillery, and 400 trucks and vehicles were destroyed; many of the enemy were killed and 3800 prisoners were taken. Not until final victory was achieved, the following day, did Colonel CLARKE seek rest and further attention for his wound which had become painfully infected. His personal courage; his brilliant, heroic leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Lieutenant Colonel JACK W WARD, 0410199, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 3 October 1944, near FAIZIERES, FRANCE, two platoons of a rifle company attached to the ** Infantry for a limited objective attack were stopped in their advance by intense enemy machine-gun and small arms fire delivered at close range. Colonel (then Major) WARD, the Battalion Commander, upon observing the position of the platoons unhesitatingly took command and led them forward against the enemy. He deliberately exposed himself as he ran forward fifty yards to the next cover, beckoning the platoons to follow him. He repeated this procedure until he had advanced to within almost point blank range of the enemy. Then, the members of the platoons, inspired by his fearless leadership, followed him in an assault which destroyed the enemy and secured the objective. The extraordinary heroism of Colonel WARD, his courageous determination and his supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Major CLEVELAND A LYTLE, 0320170, Infantry, 1st Battalion, ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 20 September 1944, Major LYTLE, Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, ** Infantry Regiment, while at an observation post discovered two soldiers, the survivors of a patrol, marooned on the icebreaker of a demolished bridge which crossed the Moselle River. Although the far shore was strongly manned by the enemy and the approaches to the bridge were covered by enemy machine-guns and mortars, Major LYTLE, under cover of darkness, alone and at the risk of his life, entered the river and attempted to carry a line to the marooned men. After forty-five minutes of vain effort against the swift current and the cold of the river he was forced by fatigue to abandon a relatively safe plan of rescue. Enlisting the voluntary aid of two men he led them out on the undamaged portion of the bridge which he had previously reconnoitered alone. At the approach of the group, the enemy opened heavy fire with mortars, small arms, flares and a fixed machine-gun firing upon the bridge. Despite incessant close bursts of fire Major LYTLE, from an exposed position, directed the rescue work. The marooned men were weak from two days of exposure and barely able to move. Through the sustained and extraordinary heroism, tenacity and leadership of Major LYTLE during eight hours of hazardous, bitterly cold and laborious effort, the two soldiers were rescued. His heroic act was inspirational to all who witnessed it and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Captain ELTA HARRIS, 01171179, Field Artillery, Battery "A", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 22 October 1944, Captain HARRIS, serving as Battery Commander, Battery "A", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, was moving forward with the assault waves of Company "F",

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** Infantry in order to maintain liaison with them as they attacked an enemy-held hill near BELANGE LA PETITE, FRANCE. The Infantry elements he personally led up the hill suffered heavy casualties under intense enemy fire but Captain HARRIS held his position, aiding the wounded and directing friendly artillery fire against the enemy. He remained on the hill under continuous fire for forty-eight hours, many times fearlessly exposing himself to direct enemy fire in order to obtain accurate observations. His courageous actions inspired the infantrymen with him to hold the position while he continued to direct the artillery. The heroism of Captain HARRIS, his courage and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Second Lieutenant JAMES G SCHWARTZ JR, 01325527, Infantry, Company "F", ** Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 9 October 1944, Lieutenant SCHWARTZ was leading a rifle platoon of Company "F", ** Infantry against heavily defended enemy positions in the BOIS DU MAUT DES TRAPPES, west of LERICOURT, FRANCE. The platoon encountered intense enemy machine-gun and artillery fire and suffered many casualties. When they were temporarily stopped by fire from a machine-gun position, Lieutenant SCHWARTZ promptly knocked out the position with fire from his sub-machine-gun. He continued leading his platoon in the attack and was severely wounded in the arm. Stopping only long enough to bandage the wound and improvise an arm sling, he again took position in front of the platoon and courageously led them on to take the objective. He would not seek medical aid until he personally supervised the selection of each man's position as preparations were made against a possible enemy counter-attack. When he reached the Battalion Command Post, on his way to the aid station, he turned and started on his way back to the front lines to lead a reconnaissance party of relieving troops to his platoon's position, and it was necessary that his Battalion Commander order him to the aid station for evacuation. The heroic determination of Lieutenant SCHWARTZ; his utter fearlessness and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM E NEWING, 0536736, Infantry, Company "G", ** Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 9 October 1944, Lieutenant NEWING was leading a rifle platoon of Company "G", ** Infantry, against heavily defended enemy positions in the BOIS DU MAUT DES TRAPPES, west of LERICOURT, FRANCE. The platoon encountered intense enemy machine-gun and artillery fire and suffered many casualties. The forward artillery observer was killed and Lieutenant NEWING, despite the fact that he was wounded, assumed the duties of the artillery observer and courageously continued to lead his platoon in the attack. He was again wounded as he fearlessly advanced at the head of his platoon, but refusing medical aid, even though he could not stand without assistance, he valiantly continued to lead his men until the objective was gained and preparations made against an enemy counter-attack. Throughout the action, Lieutenant NEWING moved from man to man, calmly encouraging them and inspiring them to greater efforts. His utter fearlessness and determined, heroic leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

✓ Staff Sergeant JUNIOR J SPURRIER, 13018254, Company "G", ** Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On the morning of 16 September 1944, Company "G", ** Infantry, was given the mission of taking a hill south of LAY ST CHRISTOPHER, FRANCE. This hill was known to be a strong point, the enemy being firmly entrenched in dug-outs and trenches. As the company advanced in the attack, enemy machine-guns and other automatic weapons opened fire from the right flank. Sergeant SPURRIER, Squad Leader, Company "G", immediately mounted a nearby tank destroyer and manned its 50 caliber machine-gun. Advancing towards the enemy, he opened fire, killing and wounding many and causing the remainder to retreat to a dug-out. Sergeant SPURRIER then jumped off of the vehicle, advanced on the dug-out, and, throwing several hand grenades into it, killed all of its occupants. He then remounted and cleaned out a second enemy dug-out in the same manner. Again remounting the tank destroyer in spite of heavy concentrations of enemy machine-gun, mortar, and artillery fire, Sergeant SPURRIER resumed his precarious position on the vehicle, firing the 50 caliber machine-gun. In all he took 22 prisoners before reaching the summit of the hill. The extraordinary courage displayed by Sergeant SPURRIER; his outstanding heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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:

✓ Captain WILLIAM J WINSBERG, 01797921, Corps of Military Police, Headquarters Detachment, ** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

✓ Captain HAROLD A LOWME, 01797645, Corps of Military Police, Company "C", ** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

✓ Captain RUSSELL C ROCKWELL, 01797359, Corps of Military Police, Headquarters Detachment, ** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant CARL A SNEBURY, 01796544, Corps of Military Police, Company "A", ** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

✓ First Sergeant FRED J GEORGE, 32186454, ** Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM from 21 April 1944 to 16 June 1944.

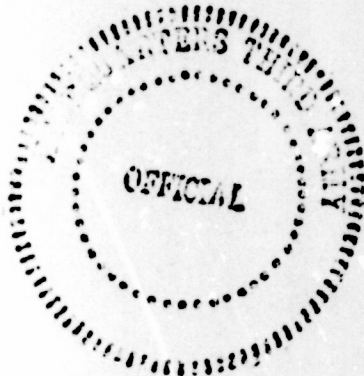
✓ Master Sergeant GEORGE F BENTFIELD, 35302918, Headquarters Detachment, ** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

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First Sergeant AUGUSTUS JONES, 5L007666, ** Quartermaster Service Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 8 August 1944 to 26 October 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



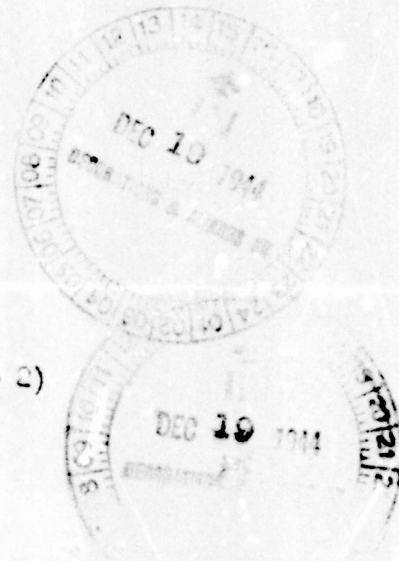
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