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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant DANIEL L NUTTER, O1313784, Corps of Engineers, *** Armored Engineer Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 11 November 1944, when the 6th Armored Division captured, intact, the bridge across the Neuf Francaise River at HAN-SUR-NEID, FRANCE, Lieutenant NUTTER, *** Armored Engineer Battalion, was assigned the mission of searching for mines on the bridge and cutting any wires which the enemy might have strung to demolition charges. Lieutenant NUTTER fearlessly braved the intense enemy machine-gun, small arms and artillery fire directed against the bridge, crossed to the far side and cut the demolition wires. After achieving his mission he fell, mortally wounded by the enemy fire. Lieutenant NUTTER's supreme devotion to duty and his indomitable courage exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Sergeant JAMES A BURZO 32780531, *** Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 29 September 1944, Company "I", *** Infantry, with which Sergeant BURZO was serving as a squad leader, was moving forward through the FORET DE GREMECNY, FRANCE, to relieve a unit of another regiment when the company was ambushed from the front and both flanks by a strong enemy force. Sergeant BURZO and another enlisted man, realizing the danger to the company, rushed forward to engage the enemy in their positions. Sergeant BURZO fearlessly assaulted the first enemy machine-gun position after throwing a grenade into it, but was mortally wounded by a burst of fire before he reached the enemy. Despite his wounds he continued forward and closed with the gun crew, killing four and routing the remainder before he collapsed from loss of blood. This heroic action in which Sergeant BURZO gave his life, and 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 No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES CUNNINGHAM, 15076779, *** Armored Engineer Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism

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in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 11 November 1944, when the 6th Armored Division captured, intact, the bridge across the Neid Francaise River at HAN-SUR-NEED, FRANCE, Technician Fifth Grade CUNNINGHAM, Company "B", *** Armored Engineer Battalion, was assigned the mission of assisting his platoon leader in searching for mines on the bridge and cutting the wires the enemy had strung to demolition charges. Working fearlessly under intense enemy machine-gun, artillery and small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade CUNNINGHAM had succeeded in cutting the wires at the rear end of the bridge when he noticed that his platoon leader, who had crossed to the far side, had fallen, wounded. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade CUNNINGHAM courageously crossed the bridge and returned, carrying the wounded platoon leader. His gallant action, above and beyond the call of duty, and his indomitable courage 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 1, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain ELMER J LEITNER, O1573358, Ordnance Department, Headquarters Third United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. Captain LEITNER distinguished himself by his coolheaded action and courage in extinguishing the fire in a 2½ ton truck loaded with 105mm ammunition which was part of a convoy of ten vehicles proceeding through the city of NANCY, FRANCE, enroute to a forward position in the combat zone. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

(Award Amended by G-1 1/27/44)
* Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT DONICK, 36418129, *** Quartermaster Car Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade DONICK assisted his superior officer in extinguishing a fire in a 2½ ton truck loaded with 105mm high explosive ammunition which was part of a convoy of ten vehicles proceeding through the city of NANCY, FRANCE, enroute to a forward position in the combat zone. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM O PRINTUP, O195981, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters *** Quartermaster Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 July 1944 to 31 October 1944.

Captain THOMAS D L MEAVER O363825, Medical Corps, *** Medical Clearing Company (Separate), 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 14 September 1944.

Captain EDWARD F MELLON, O1551913, Ordnance Department, *** Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 27 September 1944 to 27 November 1944.

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Captain JACK ROSEN, 0525279, Dental Corps, *** Quartermaster Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 July 1944 to 31 October 1944.

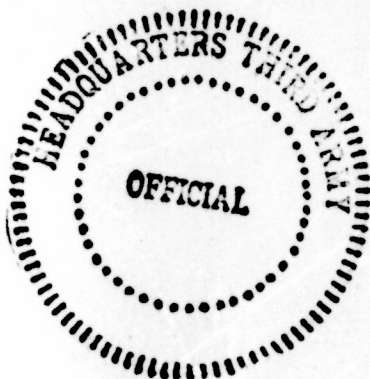
First Lieutenant GLEN A ALLIGER, 0353088, Infantry, Service Company, *** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 10 June 1944 to 18 August 1944.

Master Sergeant DANIEL A DREN, 32564051, Headquarters *** Medical Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 17 August 1944 to 1 December 1944.

Master Sergeant HERBERT A KROH 38464082, Headquarters Third 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 November 1944.

Technical Sergeant NICHOLAS C CORACCI, 31274182, Headquarters Third 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 22 November 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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

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