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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:

Private First Class GEORGE T DICKEY, 33587715, Company "K", *** Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 September 1944, near BONNET, FRANCE, where the *** Infantry was fighting desperately to enlarge a small bridgehead on the east bank of the Moselle River, Private First Class DICKEY, Company "K", *** Battalion, and another enlisted man voluntarily manned a forward observation post. That night the enemy launched a furious counter-attack with numerically superior forces supported by tanks and artillery. As the enemy closed in on the position, Private First Class DICKEY and the other enlisted man rejected a warning to withdraw and heroically remained at their post, firing round after round of rifle fire into the attacking enemy. They were both finally mortally wounded by the enemy fire. The following morning, twenty-two enemy dead were found in front of the position, some within three yards of where Private First Class DICKEY and his companion made their courageous stand. The extraordinary heroism of Private First Class DICKEY, above and beyond the call of duty, and his fierce determination and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Private First Class FRANK LALOPA, 32736269, Company "K", *** Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 September 1944, near BONNET, FRANCE, where the *** Infantry was fighting desperately to enlarge a small bridgehead on the east bank of the Moselle River, Private First Class LALOPA, Company "K", ** Battalion, and another enlisted man voluntarily manned a forward observation post. That night the enemy launched a furious counter-attack with numerically superior forces supported by tanks and artillery. As the enemy closed in on the position, Private First Class LALOPA and the other enlisted man rejected a warning to withdraw and heroically remained at their post, firing round after round of rifle fire into the attacking enemy. They were both finally mortally wounded by the enemy fire. The following morning, twenty-two enemy dead were found in front of the position, some within three yards of where Private First Class LALOPA and his companion made their courageous stand. The extraordinary heroism of Private First Class LALOPA, above and beyond the call of duty, his fierce determination and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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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:

Colonel CHARLES H REED, O1A948, Cavalry, Headquarters *** Cavalry Group (Mechanized), United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 15 September 1944, the *** Cavalry Group commanded by Colonel REED, was given the mission of protecting the south flank of the XII Corps. In the execution of this mission, Colonel REED led his command in a crossing of the Meurthe River, cleared strong enemy elements from the FORET DE MONDON, and destroyed an enemy ammunition train in the vicinity of BENMENIL. With characteristic energy, Colonel REED then led his forces in battle against a numerically superior enemy in the FORET DE PARROY, but was forced by the great weight of the enemy to withdraw to LUNEVILLE. During this movement, the Group was subjected to enemy artillery and small arms fire from the north, east, and south, and Colonel REED was severely wounded by enemy artillery fire. He refused to be evacuated and successfully led his command in a running battle through formidable enemy armored forces, preventing the enemy from occupying LUNEVILLE and from interfering with the operations of the *** Armored Division. The heroic accomplishments of Colonel REED were instrumental in gaining a valuable knowledge as to the enemy strength and disposition, which information was turned over to his successor in command when Colonel REED was finally evacuated. The leadership, courage, and combat skill of this officer reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces.

Captain FRANK A WILLIAMS, O1285679, Infantry, Company "F", *** Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 23 and 24 September 1944, Company "F", *** Infantry Regiment, commanded by Captain WILLIAMS, participated in the attack on MT SAINT JEAN, FRANCE. On 24 September, while leading his men in hand to hand combat against fierce enemy resistance, Captain WILLIAMS received a shrapnel wound in his left arm. Refusing to be evacuated, he accepted first aid and continued to lead his troops. Three hours later, Captain WILLIAMS received a second wound, a bullet piercing his right arm. Again this officer, after having his wound attended by the company aid man, refused to relinquish his place on the field of battle and continued in the assault upon the enemy. Two hours after receiving his second wound, Captain WILLIAMS was struck in the right shoulder by a shell fragment and again refused evacuation, insisting that the other casualties in his company be first removed to safety. The intrepid Captain continued in command despite his painful injuries, directing and leading his men in the battle until his company was relieved that night, at which time he was evacuated. Captain WILLIAMS' heroic leadership, unselfish concern for his men, and intense, unswerving 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 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major ROBERT G ERNST, O1685908, Medical Corps, Headquarters *** Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 7 August 1944 to 29 November 1944.

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✓ Captain WALDO E ANDERSON, 01533481, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters 388th Medical 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 1 November 1944.

✓ Chief Warrant Officer FLOYD H JONES, W2108638, United States Army, 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 30 November 1944.

✓ Master Sergeant EDWIN R HENDERSON, 34022193, Headquarters Company, 388th Engineer Combat Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 10 August 1944 to 22 November 1944.

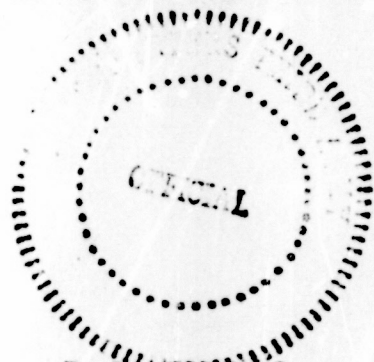
✓ Master Sergeant PHILIP H GROUSE, 33034661, Headquarters 388th Medical Battalion (Separate), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 1 November 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant MORRIS F GEIGER, 36250803, Headquarters 388th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 7 August 1944 to 29 November 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant MAX H HUNKER, 35020640, Headquarters 388th Medical Battalion (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 1 November 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant FRANCIS M JASINSKI, 17076108, Headquarters 388th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 7 August 1944 to 28 November 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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