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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 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 I, Cir No. 55, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Captain DANIEL E SMITH, ORK 12510, Infantry (Armored), Headquarters *** Tank Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 14 November 1944, Captain SMITH, serving as Battalion S-3, *** Tank Battalion, was assigned the mission of taking over a task force advance guard in the town of LANDROFF, FRANCE, after the previous commander had been wounded and evacuated. Upon reaching the town Captain SMITH quickly organized his forces to meet a probable enemy counter-attack, moving freely among his troops as he disposed them in defensive positions, disregarding continuous, heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. The enemy counter-attacked at dusk. As one group of enemy infantrymen approached a defensive road block on the main entrance into the town Captain SMITH killed two with pistol fire and his men killed the others. He then boldly climbed atop a tank and directed effective artillery fire which broke up the attack. Shortly after midnight the enemy launched a second counter-attack, and in the darkness, a considerable force succeeded in infiltrating into the town. Heavy, close fighting resulted and continued for nearly four hours. During that time Captain SMITH fought constantly at close quarters. On one occasion he encountered an enemy soldier about to throw a grenade into one of the defending tank destroyers, and although the Captain was out of ammunition he tackled the enemy soldier without hesitation. During the ensuing struggle a friendly soldier shot the enemy. Later, upon discovering an enemy machine-gunner menacing the defenses, Captain SMITH advanced fearlessly against him. He silenced the gun with a grenade, shot another nearby enemy soldier and when a third leaped upon him, killed him with the butt of his pistol. At dawn, while fighting still raged, Captain SMITH and an enlisted man were both wounded while attempting to rescue another wounded soldier who lay exposed to intense enemy fire. Captain SMITH, despite his painful injury coolly evacuated both wounded men to a place of safety. He continued to direct the defense of the town during the day and night of the 15th of November, and only when he knew the defense secure on the 16th of November did he permit his evacuation. The outstanding heroism Captain SMITH repeatedly demonstrated, his fearless determination and his supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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First Lieutenant FREDERICK L BACH JR, 0516008, Infantry, Company "H", 2nd Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 10 October 1944, as Lieutenant BACH was leading a platoon of Company "H", 2nd Infantry through the enemy held village of COSSAUX, FRANCE, his men were pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire coming from a house located on high ground in front of them. As he deployed his platoon for an attack against the position, Lieutenant BACH noticed a wounded soldier lying exposed to intense enemy fire. Disregarding this fire Lieutenant BACH fearlessly made his way to the injured man, rendered immediate first aid, and then carried him to shelter. Returning to his previous position in front of his platoon, Lieutenant BACH then led his men against the building where the enemy had established a strong point. He first threw a grenade through a window on the first floor, then made a room to room search of the house and determined that the enemy had taken refuge in the cellar. Directing his men to surround the house he threw grenades down the cellar ramp and was successful in securing the surrender of one enemy officer and fifteen enlisted men. Lieutenant BACH then continued the mopping up of the sector assigned his platoon, repeatedly demonstrating his courageous, skillful leadership when the enemy threatened several times to over-run his position. His outstanding accomplishments, his personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Major General MANTON S EDDY, 04655, United States Army, Commanding General, XII Corps. For gallantry in action. The gallant and courageous leadership of General EDDY has been a constant inspiration to his troops. On two especially noteworthy occasions, during inspections of the tactical situation of his command, General EDDY clearly demonstrated the outstanding qualities of leadership which characterize his entire service and also his great personal bravery. On 13 September 1944, near DIEULOUARD, FRANCE, although warned that the bridges over the MOSELLE RIVER were being heavily shelled, and that one bridge had been destroyed, he proceeded to a point on the river where an engineer platoon was working, in order to make a personal reconnaissance of the situation. In so doing he followed a road which was under heavy artillery fire and shells fell around his vehicle. Arriving at the scene he extended his reconnaissance until the increasing intensity of enemy small arms fire near the town of LOISY prevented further advance. On 12 November 1944 at HAN-SUR-WILD, he again drove through heavy enemy shelling to a position well ahead of his troops in order to make a personal reconnaissance of the immediate situation, and again his characteristic coolness and courage under fire served as a model of conduct for his troops. General EDDY's gallantry and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

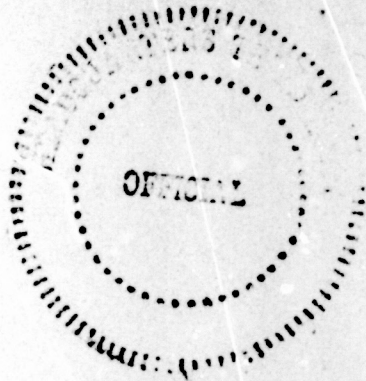
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant JOHN K McCLENDON, 02047735, Medical Administrative Corps, 2nd Medical Ambulance Company (Motorized), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from July 1944 to 26 November 1944.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

E. E. CULLINGS,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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