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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal:
SECTION III - Amendment of GO No. 99, this Hg, 28 Nov 1944.

I. ATARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE UROSS - By direction of the President and der the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETC 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:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT L WALTON, 022734, Infantry, ** Battalion, 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Irmy. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 9 November 1944, Colonel MATON, commanding the *** Battalion, 377th Infantry, was directing an attack north of the HANNIBOIS WOODS, FRANCI. He personally led elements of Company "F" and Company "G" through heavy enony fire, inspiring his men by his fearless leadership. When an energy machine-gun fired at his group, killing a sergeant and wounding several other enlisted men, Colonel MALTON boldly walked directly to the position, placed effective fire upon it, destroying the gun and killing the crew. During this action he was hit three . times but despite his wounds he courageously continued to lead his troops on to the objective. Colonel WALTON then returned through heavy enemy mortar fire to his forward observation post and directed the advance of the Dattalion until the operation was completed. Colonel WALTON's intrepid leadership was inspirational to his troops; his personal courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

First Lieutenant FRID RICK D TITTERINGTON, C1109713, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", ** 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 near MIN DE SAMRY, FRANCE, when advance attacking elements of a task force with which lieutenant TITTERINGTON was serving were stopped by blown bridges across a river he voluntarily led a group of men behind the enemy lines to find a possible crossing. Upon locating a causeway across the river which he believed to be intact, even though under water and known to be wired for demolition, Lieutenant TITE LIGION took a small group of his men in a half-track out on to it. After proceeding about fifty yards Lieutenant TITTENTIGTON dismounted from the half-brack under enemy fire and cut the wires leading to demolition charges which the enemy had placed on the first bridge in the causeway. He then fearlessly continued on foot the remaining mundred yards of the canseway, still under enery fire, testing for demolition charges and mines. He reached the far shore safely determining that the crossing was intact. Lieutenant TITTHINGTON's considerous heroism and courageous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

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Staff Sergeant VERNON L ALLISON, 38084739, Company "F", 137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 10 November 19/4, Company "F", 137th Infantry, in which Sergeant ALLISON served as a platoon leader, was advancing against the enemy-held village of VIVIES, FRANCE. When the Company was pinned down on the edge of the village by enemy machine-gun fire, Sergeant ALLISON fearlessly worked his way to a position behind the enemy machinegun nest and killed its occupants with a rifle grenade. He then made his way back under heavy enemy mortar fire to his squad and led his men into the village. Advancing, the Company was again stopped by enemy machine-kun fire and again Sergeant ALLISON, disregarding his own safety, courageously advanced upon the enemy and silenced a second machine-gun. As he was returning to his squad he noticed enemy activity in a house and threw a grenade through one of the windows. By this quick action he killed two of the enemy and forced thirty others to surrender to him. Sergeant AL ISON's inspiring leadership, outstanding hero-reism and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Private First Class WALTER LOW, 34378989, Company "G", 378th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 19 November 1944, the assault on FORT JULIAN, FRANCE, by the *** Battalion, 378th Infantry, was obstructed by intense fire from enemy machine-guns and leveled antiaircraft weapons in prepared positions and pill boxes bordering the Fort. Then Private First Class LOW, advancing with a rifle platoon of Company "G", observed concentrated machine-gun fire coming from a pill box about seventy-five yards to his right he fearlessly ran toward it braving the withering enemy cross-fire which his bold action drew. He reached the pill box and threw a grenade into it, routing the thirty-two occupants. His conspicuous, inspiring heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II. AMARD 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:

Staff Sergeant JOHNIE A THREAL, 34270719, *** Quartermaster Service Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 31 July 1944 to 19 October 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade BUD E IEE, 37453383, 85% Ordnance Heavy Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 October 1944 to 14 December 1944.

III. AMENDMENT OF GO NO. 99, THIS HEADQUARTERS, 28 NOVE BER 1944 - So much of Section III, General Orders number 99, this Headquarters, 28 November 1944 as awards a Bronze Star Medal to certain officers and enlisted men as reads "Staff Sergeant HERMAN KORN, 32056106" is amended to read "Staff Sergeant HERMAN KORN, 32666106".

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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