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ORIGINAL ORDER - ETOUSA

SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By direction of the President, 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, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Major General WALTER H WALKER, 03405, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. On 23 August 1944, Maj General WALTER H WALKER, Commanding General, 101 United States Army Corps, with complete disregard for his own safety, personally directed the successful operation which established a bridgehead across the Seine River near BENEY, France. By his continuous presence with the forward elements of his command, as well as exemplary judgment and leadership, he inspired his command in effecting an early crossing of the Seine River and the continuance of the attack eastward. General WALKER'S contact with the forward combat troops was maintained in the face of heavy enemy fire. He repeatedly exposed himself to this enemy fire, encouraging the troops to move forward and by doing so gave them the required confidence to continue their advance. When certain elements were halted by intense enemy fire, he courageously assumed personal command and through his own supervision, force and persuasion, although he himself was in complete view of the enemy, caused the troops to effect the crossing of the river. By his intrepid direction, heroic leadership and superior tactical knowledge and ability, General WALKER set an inspiring example for his command, reflecting the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered the United States Military Academy from Texas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President, 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:

Technician Third Grade WALTER A HOOT, 38114392, Ordnance Section, Headquarters Third United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 May to 15 June 1944. Technician Third Grade Hoot compiled Parts Interchangeability Lists which were highly valuable to the Ordnance Department in its maintenance and supply function of the Army. Entered service from Texas.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

HUGH J. GAFFEY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

E. CUMMINGS,
1, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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