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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 and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, 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:

Captain WILLIAM C MILLER, 01290107, 137th Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of LE HT DU BOURG, BRITTANY, FRANCE, on 2 August 1944. Companies "B" and "C" 137th Infantry, attacked a German strongpoint and advanced against heavy opposition and with mounting casualties. When the Commanding Officer of Company "C" and two of his platoon leaders became casualties, Captain MILLER took command of the remainder of both companies, organized an attack and succeeded in gaining the battalion objective. The Germans staged an immediate counterattack that cut off the remaining elements of Company "C" composed of two platoons, and surrounded Company "B". Although the situation was desperate, Captain MILLER led an attack to reach the two besieged platoons, during the course of which he personally destroyed two enemy machine gun nests. Reorganizing the remaining elements of both companies, Captain MILLER led them in a fighting withdrawal, so skillfully handled, that not only were they successful in rejoining the battalion, but they successfully evacuated all the wounded soldiers from the besieged area. The outstanding leadership of this officer, his intrepid bravery, extreme coolness, and utter disregard for personal safety, in the face of a desperate and almost hopeless situation, resulted in the infliction of heavy casualties on the enemy, and undoubtedly saved the lives of many men under his command. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant KONSTANTY GUGALA, 36107417, 2d Infantry Regiment, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on 30 July 1944 in France. Sergeant GUGALA was leading a combat patrol on the right flank of his company when his men suddenly came under intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Disregarding his own personal safety Sergeant GUGALA continuously exposed himself to the enemy's view in finding new tactical positions for his men and at all times kept his squad coordinated and concentrated against main points of resistance. Although seriously wounded, Sergeant GUGALA, seeing that particularly accurate resistance from an enemy machine gun emplacement was hindering the advance of his squad, obtained an automatic weapon and deliberately charged the enemy, pouring a constant stream of fire at the enemy position until its fire was silenced. The outstanding initiative and distinctive heroism of Sergeant GUGALA was a constant source of inspiration to the men of his organization and reflects great credit on the armed forces. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant MARTIN J LAVELLE, 36016263, 2d Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on 25 July 1944 in France. On that day while leading his squad in an attack Sergeant LAVELLE was wounded by shell fragments in the arms, chest and face which rendered him unconscious. While being carried to the rear he regained consciousness. Disregarding his painful wounds, refusing medical treatment, and with utter disregard for his personal welfare he returned to his squad, reassumed command and led it, for nine hours, against a determined enemy, to the squad objective. The gallant courage and exemplary leadership of Sergeant LAVELLE are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HORACE L SPENCER, 0541213 Air Corps, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

Second Lieutenant PAUL K BUPP, 0764205, Air Corps, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

Second Lieutenant SARGEANT J ABELMEN, 0744121, Air Corps, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

Second Lieutenant HARRY J MCCROSSEN JR, 01995873, Air Corps, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS F JENKINS, 38451100, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

Staff Sergeant JOHN L HOUK, 18120274, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

Staff Sergeant JACK SPRATT, 15329656, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

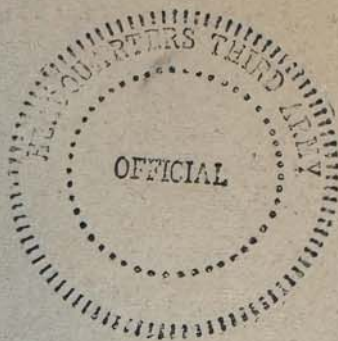
Sergeant JOHN P HENSLEY, 39274360, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

Sergeant LESLIE G SPILLMAN, 35708324, 326th Squadron, 92d Bomb Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 September 1944.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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