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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.-

1. 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 I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant JOHN F HERMANSPAN JR, 01321632, Infantry, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of LE PANE, FRANCE, on 31 July 1944. This officer, a platoon leader, led an attack into the village of LE PANE for a distance of 150 yards, when concealed enemy troops opened fire with machine guns and small arms. After leading his platoon in a withdrawal from the village, he discovered that six wounded men had been left behind. Without hesitation, he reentered the village, stood up deliberately to draw fire upon himself, and at the same time fired his carbine at the enemy. This diversion enabled the wounded soldiers to escape, but Lieutenant HERMANSPAN was fatally wounded. The intrepid courage and extraordinary heroism of this officer, who placed the welfare of his troops above his own life, reflects the highest credit upon his character as an officer, and is in accord with the traditions of the military service.

Sergeant HARRY WEISS, 32064939, Infantry, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 13 July 1944 in the vicinity of VESLY, FRANCE. During an attack by \*\*\* against strongly held enemy positions, Sergeant WEISS' light machine gun section and elements of a hard-pressed platoon were held up by tremendous small arms fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant WEISS stood upright, exposing himself to the enemy, in order to lead his men to a more secure position, direct their fire, check their disposition and ammunition supply, all the while encouraging his men. He then led this unit in the assault, during which he singlehandedly charged an enemy pill box, and although armed only with a rifle successfully entered the pillbox and captured six German soldiers. After a short pause for reorganization, he again led the assault, and when mortally wounded by machine-gun fire he continued his efforts to make the attack a complete success. His outstanding devotion to duty and unselfish concern for the success of his men were an inspiration to his unit.

Private First Class AMIJAN O LAZAR, 36035258, Infantry, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on 26 July 1944 in the vicinity of Vidouville, France. Private LAZAR was wounded when the squad of which he was a member was pinned to the ground by enemy machine-gun fire; although wounded he continued to direct the fire of his automatic rifle on the enemy machine-gun. Being the only member of the squad in a position to ascertain the direction of the enemy fire he directed the fire of the squad until mortally wounded by a grenade. Private LAZAR'S actions resulted in the destruction of the enemy machine-gun, saved the lives of the other members of the squad and permitted the squad to move forward to their objective. Private LAZAR'S outstanding courage, initiative, determination and distinctive heroism which resulted in the loss of his life, reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces.

Private First Class DOMINICK J SALVEMINI, 32190130, Medical Department, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. At about 1600, 14 July 1944, approximately 800 yards south east of Gerne, France, \* \* \* \* Infantry was forced to withdraw a short distance due to intense enemy mortar and machine-gun fire. The terrain was heavily lined with hedgerows. Private SALVEMINI, Medical Aid man attached to Company \*\* refused to withdraw with the Company and insisted on remaining under terrific enemy fire to continue rendering first aid to the wounded. Private SALVEMINI, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, continued doing his job until killed by enemy fire. Private SALVEMINI'S heroic devotion to duty and valiant courage at the cost of his own life reflect credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

2. 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 I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Private First Class LEO T ZINGALE, 35518341, Infantry, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 10 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* \* \*, France. During an advance on enemy positions, in the face of intense enemy small arms fire, Private ZINGALE'S squad was forced to withdraw because of an enemy artillery barrage on the position. He was wounded and, unable to keep up with his squad, was taken prisoner. The enemy, using Private ZINGALE as a decoy, placed him on open ground in full view of and about ten yards from three machine-guns. Although he realized his act would almost certainly result in his death, Private ZINGALE leaped to his feet and shouted warning to his comrades and urged them to fire directly at him in order to hit the machine gunners to his rear. Throwing himself to the ground when his squad opened fire, he observed the effect of the fire and when the enemy gunners had been killed he so informed his comrades. His unselfish act in preventing his comrades falling into a trap enabled them to continue the attack and reach their objective.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. - 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 I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

CAPTAIN JOSEPH W PETRAS, 01283827, Infantry, 79th Infantry Division, United States Army. On 23 June 1944, Captain PETRAS, with great courage and utter disregard for his own safety, led his company against a heavily fortified enemy strongpoint overlooking the city of Cherbourg, France. The company gained its objective under withering enemy fire, suffering heavy losses, and later made an

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orderly withdraw upon orders from higher headquarters. During the night Captain PETRAS reorganized his company for a renewed assault upon the objective which was shortly thereafter neutralized. On 25 June 1944, Captain PETRAS' company was given the lead in the assault upon the next enemy strongpoint and again he was at the head of his company, encouraging his men by his inspiring, fearless leadership. While so engaged, Captain PETRAS was seriously wounded by enemy machine-gun fire. He was evacuated to the rear over his demands to remain with the company, and his last words before the men pressed on to secure the strong point were, "Look after them (his men)". Captain PETRAS' utter fearlessness, conspicuous leadership, and courageous and heroic devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

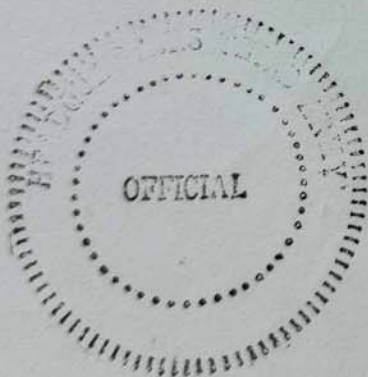
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major General WALTON H WALKER, 03405, United States Army, Commanding General XX Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

Colonel WILLIAM A COLLIER, 07598, General Staff Corps, Chief of Staff, XX Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD E SCHLATTER, 36810698, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 8 August 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

R. E. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Adjutant General.

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