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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross
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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 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:

Major ARTHUR L WEST JR, 025269, Infantry, United States Army, ** Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy at TROYES, FRANCE. During the afternoon and evening of 25 August 1944, Major ARTHUR L WEST JR. led an armored attack against the city, pushing the attack home with great speed and vigor in spite of heavy mortar, shell, and small arms fire. At one time during the attack Major WEST came face to face with a German anti-tank gun and killed the crew with his sub-machine gun. Although one tire of his vehicle was blown off by an enemy shell he continued to lead the attack and to hold the city against far superior force until relieved the next day. So successful was the attack that the enemy losses killed, wounded, and captured, were 1100 as compared to 60 casualties in Major WEST'S command. The heroic actions of Major WEST reflect the highest credit upon the Military Service of the United States.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

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 Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fifth Grade EUGENE BERKOWITZ, 32106517, Cavalry, United States Army, Troop "A", ** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized). For gallantry in action on 7 August 1944 near POIT SCORF, FRANCE. Technician Fifth Grade EUGENE BERKOWITZ was serving as radio operator in an armored car when the headquarters of Combat Command "B" of the 4th Armored Division was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage. Technician Fifth Grade BERKOWITZ, with utter disregard for his own safety, remained at his radio, transmitting messages, until ordered to abandon the armored car. Upon leaving the armored car, Technician Fifth Grade BERKOWITZ was fatally wounded by shell-fire. This heroic devotion to duty at the cost of his own life resulted in the maintenance of communications until shell fire rendered the armored car and radio unusable, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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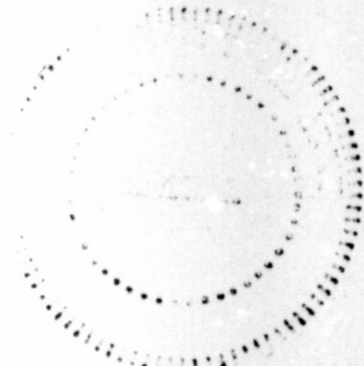
2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Corporal ROBERT W CADY, 37299267, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, ** Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile). For gallantry in action at PORTAUBERT, FRANCE on the night of 8-9 August 1944. Corporal CADY was on duty at his assigned position in a 90 millimeter antiaircraft gun emplacement when his battery position was attacked by enemy aircraft which dropped many anti-personnel bombs. One of these bombs struck Corporal CADY, knocking him down. The bomb failed to explode. Utterly disregarding his personal safety, Corporal CADY picked up the bomb, carried it outside the gun emplacement, and covered it with sandbags. To have thrown the bomb from the emplacement would have endangered the lives of other personnel in the vicinity of the gun. Corporal CADY'S courageous action while under enemy attack saved his comrades from a potentially dangerous bomb.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

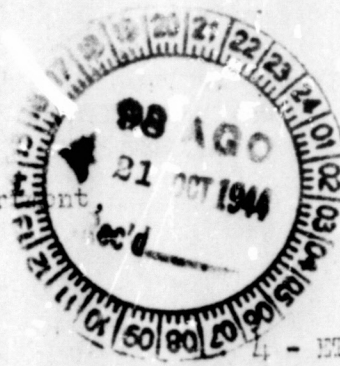
Staff Sergeant JOHN C SICHELLA, 3303576, Ordnance Department, United States Army, ** Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. In the early morning hours of 16 August 1944 at LE MUIS, FRANCE, a fire caused by a leaking fuel tank in a field range enveloped the interior of a mess truck of the ** Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company. Staff Sergeant JOHN C SICHELLA, Mess Sergeant of this unit, promptly and without regard for his own personal safety, entered the mess truck and, supplied with extinguishers by personnel on the outside, succeeded after a one-half hour effort in extinguishing the fire. By his cool and courageous action, Staff Sergeant SICHELLA saved valuable mess equipment from destruction, and prevented a violation of blackout security which might have produced serious consequences in view of the presence of enemy aircraft in the vicinity.

By command of Lieutenant General HATCH:



HUGH J. GAFFEY,
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Chief of Staff

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