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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 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 THEODORE G WAGNER, 18103681, Infantry, United States Army, 90th Infantry Division. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 11 July 1944, Private First Class WAGNER's company was attacking in the densely wooded terrain of the FORET de MONT CASTRE, FRANCE, when terrific close-range fire was encountered from enemy machine-guns and rifles. This soldier, on his own initiative, worked his way forward, scaling a 25-foot rocky hill, in order to reach the enemy strong point from which the fire was coming. At great risk he attained his objective and silenced the enemy guns by throwing several hand grenades into the position. He then forced eight enemy soldiers to surrender to him; nine others were found dead behind the hill. By his courage, gallantry, and intrepid action, Private First Class WAGNER eliminated a serious obstacle in the path of his company's advance.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade GUY N WAITE, 20323554, Cavalry, United States Army, Troop "C", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized). For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. While serving in a guard detachment of his unit on the night of 9 August 1944, Technician Fifth Grade WAITE distinguished himself by his alertness and devotion to duty. Upon noticing several of the enemy crossing a field toward the detachment bivouac area he opened fire on them, killing one, wounding two, and capturing twenty-five. The prompt, courageous action of Technician Fifth Grade WAITE undoubtedly averted serious damage and casualties among the detachment, and merits the highest commendation.

Private First Class JAMES W BICKETT, 35335416, Ordnance Department, United States Army, \*\*\* Ordnance Heavy Automotive Maintenance Company. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 20 July 1944 in the ENGLISH CHANNEL off the coast of FRANCE. When the LCT which was carrying his unit struck a mine, Private First Class BICKETT without regard for his own safety, entered the hold of the sinking ship

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in an attempt to save the life of one of his comrades. His heroic action reflects the greatest of credit upon himself and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

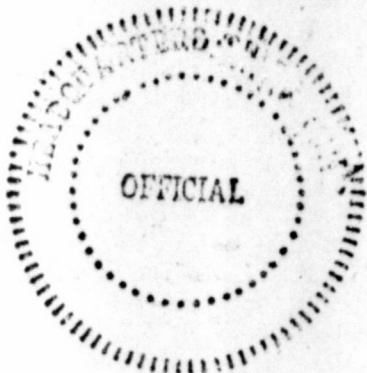
Colonel JAMES J WEEKS, 08738, Dental Corps, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 15 September 1944.

Colonel DAVID H TULLEY, 016075, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 1 September 1944.

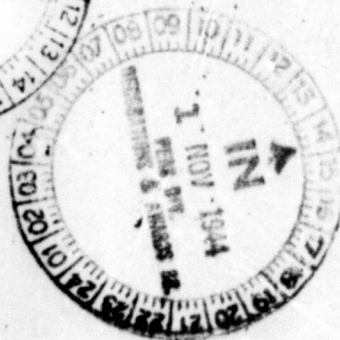
Colonel THEODORE J KROKUS, 0179937, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, 514th Quartermaster Group. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 20 September 1944.

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, the award of the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant DANIEL SLOBODIAN, 01295096, Infantry, United States Army, Company "I", 388th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division on 15 October 1944, is announced. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 9 October 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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



H. E. CUMINGS,  
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