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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:

Lieutenant Colonel CREIGHTON W ABRAMS, O20296, Cavalry (Armored), *** Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Colonel ABRAMS was commanding the *** Tank Battalion on 20 September 1944 near ABRACOURT FRANCE, when two of his tank companies were outflanked and seriously disorganized by an armored attack of superior enemy forces. Quickly and accurately estimating the situation, this officer unhesitatingly attacked the enemy force with his command tank, striking with such ferocity that the enemy was thrown into a state of confusion, and his own forces were able to regroup. In the face of approaching darkness, Colonel ABRAMS then daringly led his reorganized companies in a frontal assault which resulted in the complete rout of the enemy and the capture of a valuable position with a considerable amount of enemy supplies. Colonel ABRAMS' rapid and heroic action, undertaken with great initiative and brilliant leadership, was largely responsible for this successful action and was an inspiration to all who witnessed it.

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 I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT G BAKER, O19427, Ordnance Department, Headquarters *** Ordnance Group, 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 5 November 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel JOSEPH H WRIGHT, O267842, Infantry, 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 29 October 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel EUGENE W PESTER, O338294, Infantry, 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 20 October 1944.

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Major GILBERT L PFEIFFER, 0370776, Ordnance Department, 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 24 October 1944.

Captain ARTHUR E BRITT, 01542576, Medical Corps, Headquarters ~~***~~ Medical Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 18 July 1944 to 23 October 1944.

First Lieutenant EDWARD C DAILEY, 01552044, Ordnance Department, *** Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, 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 30 September 1944.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) WILLIAM T BURNS JR, W2121161, United States Army, 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 31 October 1944.

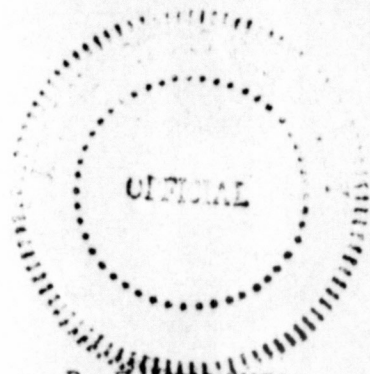
Master Sergeant WILBERT W WATZ, 38075363, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 31 October 1944.

Master Sergeant JOHN L DIETRICH, 33031108, 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 29 October 1944.

Technician Third Grade HERMAN J KEHL, 32095228, 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 31 October 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWIN L KLINE, 35231129, *** Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 20 September 1944 to 25 September 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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