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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:

First Lieutenant DELBERT G RECK, 01821629, Infantry, (TD) Company "A", *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 20 August 1944, in the vicinity of FOUGY, FRANCE, Lieutenant RECK, serving with Company "A", *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty when he fearlessly led his platoon against a numerically superior enemy armored force. By ingenious employment of his platoon he completely surprised and annihilated the enemy, destroying 118 enemy vehicles, capturing 229 prisoners and killing and wounding a great number of the enemy. For three and one-half hours, Lieutenant RECK, with complete disregard for his own safety, went from one vehicle to another while under heavy enemy fire to personally instruct his men and urge them to greater efforts. When the struggle was at its height, Lieutenant RECK personally manned a fifty caliber machine-gun in an exposed position, accounting for many of the enemy. His courageous, inspiring leadership exemplifies the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J LAND, 20432715, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 20 August 1944, in the vicinity of FOUGY, FRANCE, Sergeant LAND, in conjunction with his platoon leader, fearlessly led his platoon against a numerically superior enemy armored force. During the resultant engagement, his determined, courageous actions in coordinating and supervising the fire of the entire platoon contributed greatly to the destruction of 118 enemy vehicles, the capture of 229 prisoners, and the killing and wounding of a great number of the enemy. With complete disregard for his own safety he fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire to direct the fire of his platoon and inspire his men in their efforts to destroy the enemy. Sergeant LAND's heroic, gallant actions exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II. 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, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED O NESS, 37295374, *** Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an

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enemy, in FRANCE, on 15 September 1944. When a can of gasoline was accidentally spilled on an enlisted man of his unit and ignited from a nearby fire, Technician Fifth Grade NESS, with utter disregard for his own safety, threw the man to the ground and smothered the flames with his own body. Acting with great presence of mind he scooped up mud and forced it into the endangered man's mouth to prevent the flames from scorching his lungs. This heroic action saved the man from severe and possibly fatal injuries and reflects great credit upon Technician Fifth Grade NESS.

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, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel FRANK G STEPHENS, 021044, Medical Corps, Headquarters *** Medical Battalion, 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 October 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel COULTER R SURLETT, 0293601, 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 HAROLD M DUNCAN, 0289317, Infantry, Headquarters XX Corps, (then Headquarters Third United States Army), 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 18 September 1944.

Captain WILLIAM J DENNIS, 01303120, 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.

Captain TOM W DAY, 01111017, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, from 5 August 1944 to 5 October 1944.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) ELI LEONI, W2119421, 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 30 October 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant FREDERICK W BERTRAM, 18009549, 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 25 October 1944.

✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN A CONLON, 32105682, 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.

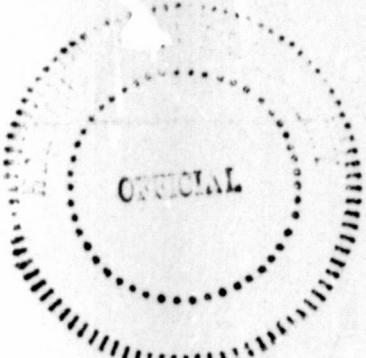
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✓ Staff Sergeant FRED B DERR, 33256052, *** Medical Ambulance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, from 9 September 1944 to 24 September 1944.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade WOODROW W MEE, 34022142, Headquarters, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), 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 26 October 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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