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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:

First Lieutenant RAYMOND W BRAFFITT, O1325965, Infantry, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. From the time the infantry regiment with which Lieutenant BRAFFITT served as S-2 was committed to action in FRANCE on 9 July 1944 until he was killed in action on 17 September 1944, this courageous officer repeatedly distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty. He led patrols many times on dangerous missions into enemy territory, and on one occasion he personally took command of a leaderless rifle platoon and led it against the enemy in the face of heavy machine-gun, small arms, artillery, and mortar fire. He made a personal reconnaissance for his battalion for the crossing of the Sur Vire River and was first to lead a patrol across the Meurthe River into territory still occupied by the enemy. On 16 September 1944, Lieutenant BRAFFITT led a motorized patrol from ERBEVILLER to CHAMPENOUX to determine the strength and positions of the enemy reported to have occupied the town. When the enemy was contacted, lieutenant BRAFFITT, in the ensuing fight, personally manned a machine-gun mounted on one of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy and pinning them down so that his greatly outnumbered patrol could withdraw to report the valuable information obtained. He then took a position in the lead vehicle of a tank column to guide it against the town, and escaped injury when his vehicle was knocked out by enemy fire. Later in the day, he volunteered to locate four members of a mortar squad left behind in an exposed position when their platoon withdrew. He proceeded alone on foot, when the driver of his  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck was wounded, and located the men. It was while leading the men to safety that he was killed. The extreme courage of Lieutenant BRAFFITT and his heroic devotion to duty, many times displayed, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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:

Chaplain (Captain) BENEDICT A HENDERSON, O447607, Chaplain Corps, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 6 September 1944, the \*\*\* Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, to which Chaplain

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HENDERSON was assigned, was attacking the heavily fortified FORT VILLEY LE SEC near TOUL, FRANCE. Heavy casualties were suffered and there were not sufficient medical personnel to evacuate all of the wounded immediately. Chaplain HENDERSON, upon hearing the many cries of the wounded for aid, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled unhesitatingly onto the field of battle and made his way under fire to a disabled tank. He fearlessly mounted the tank, extricated the wounded man from within, and carried him 200 yards to the rear where he turned him over to a litter squad. He again went forward under fire and encountered a litter squad administering first aid to two injured men, the more seriously wounded of whom they evacuated. Realizing the need for immediate evacuation of the other man, Chaplain HENDERSON lifted him onto his back and started to the rear. When machine-gun fire, directed against him from the fort, fell perilously near, he dropped to the ground and under continuous enemy machine-gun and sniper fire dragged the wounded man the rest of the way. The unselfish, heroic actions of Chaplain HENDERSON; his inspiring courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Second Lieutenant HERSCHEL T HARDIN, O1325645, Infantry, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 5 September 1944, Lieutenant HARDIN led his rifle platoon of the \*\*\* Infantry in an assault upon FORT VILLEY LE SEC near TOUL, FRANCE. The enemy position, a concrete and steel pillbox located on the crest of a hill, was well fortified, and when Lieutenant HARDIN's platoon had advanced a hundred yards it was pinned down by intense machine-gun fire. Lieutenant HARDIN, with complete disregard for his own safety, worked his way forward, located the concealed enemy gun position, and wiped it out with his submachine gun. His platoon then advanced until it was again stopped by fire. Again, Lieutenant HARDIN courageously braved intense fire, moving forward until he located the gun. He pinned the enemy down with his submachine-gun until he was within thirty yards of their position and destroyed them with grenades. While he was so engaged, an enemy soldier wounded him in both legs with grenades. He killed that enemy and after having his wounds dressed by a medical corpsman continued to lead his platoon in the attack. The heroic, inspiring leadership of Lieutenant HARDIN; his courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Technical Sergeant HAROLD D SNYDER, 37070740, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 17 July 1944 in the vicinity of ST LO, NORMANDY, FRANCE, when the advance of his Company was held up by enemy machine-gun and automatic weapons fire from a hedgerow, Sergeant SNYDER, accompanied by another enlisted man, crawled noiselessly forward to a point to within ten feet of the first enemy emplacement. Holding a grenade for several seconds after pulling the pin, he threw it into the enemy machine-gun position, destroying the gun and killing the crew. Continuing on his mission, he saw an enemy rifleman and killed him with accurate rifle fire. Changing position to avoid enemy action directed against him, he advanced along the hedgerow, throwing grenades as he progressed. The enemy countered with grenades, which this soldier and his companion threw back into the enemy positions. The remaining enemy troops started to withdraw under the continued grenade and rifle fire of Sergeant SNYDER, and of the twenty-one armed Germans, entrenched in terrain, particularly suited for defense, only four escaped. Sergeant SNYDER's courageous actions and coolness and initiative under fire made possible the advance of his unit to its objective.

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His heroic achievements exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS A ANTAL JR, 13088256, Company "E", \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 October 1944, Company "E", \*\*\* Infantry was assigned the mission of capturing LES QUATRE FERS, FRANCE; to then continue the attack northward to BENICOURT, with the final objective of taking the high ground northeast of CLEMMERY. In the early morning hours the platoon of which Sergeant ANTAL was a member moved to the northeast from its position at RENAISSANCE FME. In addition to the confusion of darkness, the platoon encountered heavy artillery and mortar fire and after moving but a short distance, the platoon leader, platoon sergeant and squad leaders became casualties. Sergeant ANTAL reorganized the remaining men in the platoon and continued the attack. Upon entering the town of LES QUATRE FERS, the platoon encountered two enemy snipers who were quickly eliminated under Sergeant ANTAL's direction. Advancing into the town the platoon encountered an enemy antitank gun position which was supported by automatic weapons. Sergeant ANTAL without hesitation fearlessly proceeded to within fifty yards of the gun and exposing himself to point blank enemy fire boldly fired rifle grenades at the enemy until those who were not killed or wounded surrendered. After capturing the antitank gun Sergeant ANTAL led his platoon on to capture and clear BENICOURT and to its final objective — the high ground northeast of CLEMMERY. The inspiring leadership of Sergeant ANTAL; his initiative, outstanding heroism and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM B HUMPHREY, 35482997, Company "E", \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 14 September 1944, Company "E", \*\*\* Infantry, with which Sergeant HUMPHREY was serving as a platoon guide, was assigned the mission of expelling an estimated enemy force of 200 men from a heavily fortified position near POMPEY, FRANCE. As the attack progressed, the platoon to which Sergeant HUMPHREY was assigned advanced to within fifty yards of the enemy position where they were caught in a withering machine-gun and rifle cross-fire which inflicted heavy casualties and momentarily disorganized the platoon. Sergeant HUMPHREY, displaying outstanding leadership, reorganized the remainder of the platoon, and with complete disregard for his own safety, heroically led his men forward into the raking fire. His supreme courage inspired his men to overrun and destroy the enemy positions, killing and routing the overwhelmingly superior enemy forces. Sergeant HUMPHREY, by the skillful use of his bayonet and a total of seventeen hand grenades, personally destroyed five enemy machine-gun positions and their occupants. The inspiring leadership and conspicuous bravery of Sergeant HUMPHREY, his bold, courageous determination, and zealous devotion to duty, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Private First Class EARL G GOINS, 34311650, Company "E", \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 20 August 1944, Company "E", \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, to which Private First Class GOINS was assigned as automatic-rifleman, was advancing against the enemy in the vicinity of ARGENTAN, FRANCE. When his company was halted by raking enemy machine-gun fire from a concealed position, Private First Class GOINS, acting on his own initiative

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and with complete disregard for his personal safety, attacked the gun position with such swiftness and fury and accuracy of fire that it was destroyed. In the BOIS DE LA RUMONT, FRANCE, he again distinguished himself when his platoon was ambushed by the enemy while returning to the company from a forward observation post. As the platoon deployed to meet the attack, he fearlessly advanced on the enemy in an upright position, firing his automatic rifle from his shoulder. He killed an enemy machine-gunner and routed the remainder of the group. On 26 September 1944, Private First Class GOINS' squad was advancing on MOIVRONS, FRANCE, following a wave of tanks across an open field covered by heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire. The advance was momentarily halted when several of the tanks became mired in the mud of the field and at this time the squad was fired upon by two enemy machine-guns. Without hesitation Private First Class GOINS came to his feet and entered into a fierce fire fight with the enemy guns, firing his Browning Automatic Rifle from his shoulder. He killed seven of the enemy in this action. The heroic devotion to duty of Private First Class GOINS, many times displayed, his bold determination and his conspicuous courage exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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:

Captain DAVID E PHILIPS, O1044063, Coast Artillery Corps, (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Captain (then First Lieutenant) PHILIPS embarked from PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND, aboard the Liberty Ship H. G. Blasdel, as Executive Officer, Battery "C", \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile) on 28 June 1944. On 29 June 1944, this ship struck a mine while enroute to FRANCE. Captain PHILIPS, in the act of descending to the hold in which the greatest number of casualties resulted, was blown bodily back on deck and rendered temporarily unconscious. Upon regaining consciousness, Captain PHILIPS, disregarding personal safety and a wound in his arm, rushed into a hold in which fires were raging and assisted in the evacuation of injured personnel to the deck and upon returning to the deck assisted in treating the wounded. The courageous actions of Captain PHILIPS are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

First Lieutenant KENNETH J POWERS, O1168420, Field Artillery, (TD), \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 21 September 1944 at ST MIHIEL, FRANCE, when fire started in a railroad train consisting of 21 railroad cars of high explosive ammunition, First Lieutenant POWERS, with the assistance of three other persons, disconnected eight of these cars and pushed them, one by one, to a distance of safety, thereby saving them from destruction. These services were performed while some 13 other cars, also loaded with explosives, were burning fiercely and their contents exploding. As a result of this courageous action, the bridge under construction across the Meuse River was saved from destruction by the fire, and the flow of supplies and personnel to the Third US Army front was insured. The courageous devotion to duty of First Lieutenant POWERS merits high commendation.

Colonel KENNETH A BREWER, O18634, Medical Corps, \*\*\* Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 23 June 1944 to 12 November 1944.

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Lieutenant Colonel PHILIP R ROSS, 0245130, Field Artillery, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 22 March 1944 to 31 October 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT B WING, 0275785, Cavalry, 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.

Major JOHN H TRENHOLM, 0451627, Medical Corps, Headquarters \*\*\* Evacuation Hospital (Semi-mobile), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 10 March 1944 to 1 November 1944.

Captain MILTON J MEHL, 01542746, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters \*\*\* Medical Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 May 1944 to 24 October 1944.

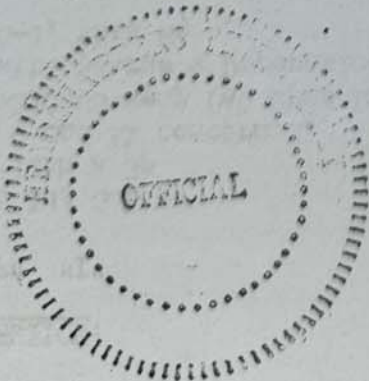
Captain DONALD V LUBY, 01588131, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters \*\*\* Quartermaster Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Chief Warrant Officer DANIEL A MARINIELLO, W2119522, United States Army, Headquarters \*\*\* Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 May 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Technician Third Grade RUSSELL N SCALZO, 32072922, Company "A", \*\*\* Signal Construction Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 29 September 1944 to 31 October 1944.

III. AMENDMENT TO GO NO. 93, THIS HQ, 19 NOV 1944. - So much of General Orders Number 93, this Headquarters, 19 November 1944, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel HERBERT D CRALL, 0235629, Medical Corps, as reads "\*\*\* Evacuation Hospital" is amended to read "\*\*\* Medical Group."

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

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Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Adjutant General.