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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 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant ROBERT C DOWNS, O1032752, Cavalry, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, Near UCKANGE, FRANCE, on 14 October 1944. Shortly after Lieutenant DOWNS' unit occupied positions along the Moselle River, plans were made to send night patrols across the river to determine enemy strength and dispositions. After a careful study of the river, this officer concluded that the river bank was held in force only during the hours of darkness. Lieutenant DOWNS requested permission to take a small daylight patrol across the Moselle, basing his request on his belief that the bulk of the German forces withdrew to a woods on high ground about 1200 yards back from the river and maintained only scattered sentinels on the exposed forward slope during daylight hours. Permission being granted by his troop commander, Lieutenant DOWNS organized a patrol consisting of himself and another man, covered by fire from other members of his platoon. Lieutenant DOWNS was able to reach the opposite shore unobserved only because the audacity and unexpectedness of the crossing caught the German forces off guard and lax. After landing he carried out his patrol mission among the hostile positions, noting their extent and location. While engaged in this reconnaissance, the patrol encountered a German force of undetermined strength in prepared positions and killed or wounded one enemy soldier. In the ensuing fight, the other member of the patrol was stunned or wounded by an enemy grenade and was unable to extricate himself. Lieutenant DOWNS returned alone to the river bank, utilizing a German trench for that purpose. Upon reaching the river bank, he found his rubber boat damaged by a snag and in a sinking condition. After calling to his covering force to protect his crossing, he swam the river in full equipment, returning with his carbine and field glasses. His report gave valuable information on enemy dispositions, fortifications, strength, and, of particular importance, the methods of defense employed by the enemy during daylight hours. This voluntary daylight crossing of the river in the face of a strong enemy force to what seemed like certain death or captivity is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD J LANGE, 36334871, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary

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heroism in action against an enemy of the United States in the FORST DE GREMEY, FRANCE, 26 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade LANGE, medical aid man, voluntarily went forward in plain view of the enemy and in face of direct and intense enemy machine-gun, mortar, and artillery fire to administer aid to the wounded. As he knelt beside one of the wounded he was hit by machine-gun fire. He picked himself up, and continued to aid the wounded man. The enemy machine-gunner then riddled Technician Fifth Grade LANGE's body with bullets, although he was wearing two Red Cross brassards. The following day when the enemy was driven from the area Technician Fifth Grade LANGE's body was found among the dead, many of whom wore first aid dressings which he had applied. Because of an almost fanatical desire to help the wounded, Technician Fifth Grade LANGE's performance was one of almost continuous heroism from ST LO to the FORST DE GREMEY, and he was an inspiration to all men of Company "B" and the Medical Detachment. His extraordinary heroism and supreme devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant LEONARD A KUEHNEL, 01584482, Quartermaster Corps, \*\*\* Quartermaster Gasoline Supply Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 August 1944, in the vicinity of ST MARTIN DE LANDILLE, FRANCE, during Third United States Army operations. With complete disregard for his personal safety Lieutenant KUEHNEL entered a gasoline dump and carried eleven wounded enlisted men to safety in spite of the fact that the area was saturated with gasoline, and enemy aircraft were still in the vicinity. He then extinguished a fire which had been started by enemy tracer bullets. Lieutenant KUEHNEL's courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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 March 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 ARAM BOORNAZIAN, 33578039, \*\*\* Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 14 September 1944, Technician Fifth Grade BOORNAZIAN while patrolling with two other enlisted men along highway N67, in FRANCE, was stopped by a group of French civilians from whom he learned that two American soldiers were drowning in the nearby river. Without hesitation he ran to the river and determining the approximate location where the men had gone down, dove for them and searched at the bottom of the river. He succeeded in locating one of the bodies among the rocks. He took the drowned man ashore and returned for the second body which he also recovered from the river. The courageous actions of Technician Fifth Grade BOORNAZIAN, without regard to his own safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant JOSEPH M KADIS JR, 36369389, Battery "B", \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection

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with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. The courageous manner in which Sergeant KADIS performed his duties as gun commander at a point midway between VALOGNES and CHERPOURG, FRANCE, is worthy of high commendation. With complete disregard for his own safety he volunteered to organize and lead a squad of men for the purpose of searching out the enemy who were placing small-arms fire on their position. The outstanding leadership demonstrated by Sergeant KADIS in successfully accomplishing the mission and his heroic devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

Private LELAND P VERSCHUEREN, 39182727, Battery "A", \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Private VERSCHUEREN, assigned to Battery "C", \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, distinguished himself by his cool-headed initiative and courage when the ship upon which he had embarked struck a mine while enroute to FRANCE. Many of the men in the hold of the ship, including Private VERSCHUEREN, were injured by the explosion. In spite of the fact that the hold of the ship immediately began filling with water and a fierce fire broke out on the surface of the water, he remained in the hold helping those more seriously injured than himself. With utter disregard for his own safety he pulled badly injured men from the flaming water and helped many of them up ropes and ladders to safety. Private VERSCHUEREN's heroic actions, his resourcefulness, and his loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States.

Lieutenant Colonel KENNETH R DANIEL, 0343224, Ordnance Department, 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 24 March 1944 to 6 November 1944.

Major WILLIAM H RIEMAN JR, 0320698, Coast Artillery Corps, (AA), Headquarters \*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, 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 November 1944.

Major HERBERT O JONES JR, 0288845, Coast Artillery Corps, (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons 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 8 January 1944 to 13 October 1944.

Captain GENE E HANCOCK, 01104189, Corps of Engineers, \*\*\* Engineer Treadway Bridge 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 1 November 1944.

First Lieutenant SETH R McCLINTICK, 01051676, Coast Artillery Corps, (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 12 June 1944 to 1 October 1944.

First Lieutenant WERNER G DIETRICH, 01544319, Medical Administrative 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 18 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

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First Sergeant CHRISTOPHER J BOTTICELLI, 32178204, \*\*\* Medical Depot 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 15 November 1944.

Master Sergeant NEIL SPENCER, 12085394, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, 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 November 1944.

Technical Sergeant WALTER JUSEVITCH, 36333294, \*\*\* Medical Depot Company, 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 May 1944 to 16 November 1944.

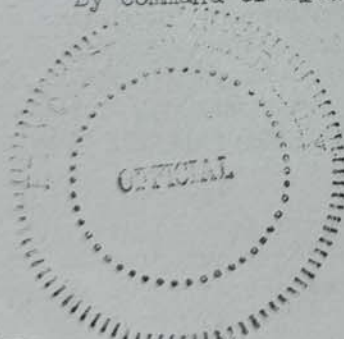
Technical Sergeant EUGENE A CATTELINO, 37148138, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 31 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant BERNARD O ERF, 35346905, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, 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 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT J BLAIR, 38242752, 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 CHESTER R HOLSTROM, 37543182, 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 5 April 1944 to 31 October 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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