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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.  
II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Adam F. Burko, 31212494, Corps of Engineers, 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 22 December 1944 in Belgium. When his platoon was given the mission of retaking an aid station which contained wounded American soldiers, Technician Burko fought heroically through intense enemy fire for one thousand yards to the station. After covering the advance of his platoon, Technician Burko remained in this vulnerable position for twenty-one hours leaving it only once to assist a machine gunner. Displaying extraordinary heroism, Technician Burko voluntarily evacuated the men in need of immediate medical aid. Passing through intense fire, he evacuated the men and then returned through the gauntlet of enemy fire to make sure his comrades had returned to friendly lines. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Technician Burko reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Bethuel M. Kitchen, 0310568, Infantry, 739th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 December 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel James R. Montgomery, 0312100, Field Artillery, 269th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 10 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel William W. Wade, 0442608, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 10 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Captain Kenneth J. Abar, 01578085, Quartermaster Corps, 3136th Quartermaster Service Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 30 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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Captain Alex Pellish, 0390212, Field Artillery, 40th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 August 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Joseph J. Shomon, 01581369, Quartermaster Corps, 611th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 30 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain William O. Selms, 0445705, Quartermaster Corps, 960th Quartermaster Service Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 29 December 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Lieutenant George G. Bailey, 0312904, Signal Corps, 188th Signal Repair Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 11 October 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Master Sergeant Clinton Campbell, 39683434, Military Intelligence Service, Headquarters Detachment, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 13 August 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Nevada.

Staff Sergeant Dominic C. Masselli, 20129391, Medical Department, 417th Medical Ambulance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 26 July 1944 to 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

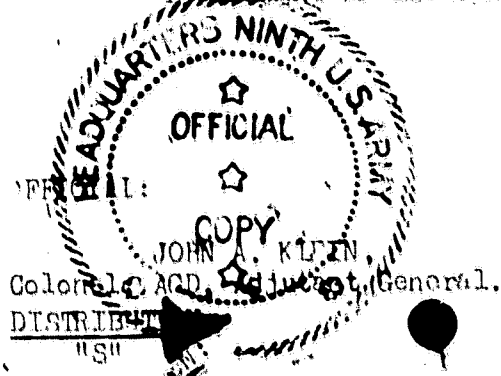
Staff Sergeant Walter J. Vanderhoff, 20282207, Medical Department, 417th Medical Ambulance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 26 July 1944 to 29 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Third Grade Edward E. Kreitsek, 13114616, Signal Corps, 578th Signal Depot Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 12 December 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Third Grade Martin E. Poulsen, 32886158, Signal Corps, 188th Signal Repair Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 10 October 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

J. E. MOORE,  
Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff.



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