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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.  
II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS).  
III. 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:

Sergeant Herman A. Fischer, 33900496, Infantry, 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. While a member of a patrol to obtain information, Sergeant Fischer and his comrades were subjected to machine-gun fire which seriously wounded a man. Sergeant Fischer displayed extraordinary courage by remaining in full view of the enemy gunners, fifty yards to the front, to assist his wounded comrade. After binding his comrade's wounds and although a target for enemy small arms fire, Sergeant Fischer brought the man six hundred yards to safety before going for aid. After loading a stretcher party to the wounded man, he assisted in carrying his comrade seven hundred yards more to an aid station. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Fischer reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS). 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 posthumously awarded to:

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~~Staff Sergeant William H. Crabtree, 3153357, Infantry, 110th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany. On 18 October 1944, Sergeant Crabtree fearlessly remained at his observation post even though he had been wounded and part of his 57mm gun destroyed. During a lull caused by his effective fire which knocked out an enemy tank, Sergeant Crabtree moved forward about one hundred yards for better observation. Observing eight enemy soldiers leaving a pillbox, Sergeant Crabtree and another soldier opened fire with their rifles and killed or wounded the entire group. Despite his wound, Sergeant Crabtree remained in his advanced position until the enemy counterattack had been repulsed. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Crabtree reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.~~

III. 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:

Staff Sergeant Leonard J. Skoczylas, 32131238, Medical Department, 564th Ambulance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 13 June 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service

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from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Chester B. Heffner, 35292682, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Frasier O. Bradwell, 34650533, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Corporal Glenn L. Colwell, 20641489, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Claude McColly, 36039458, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

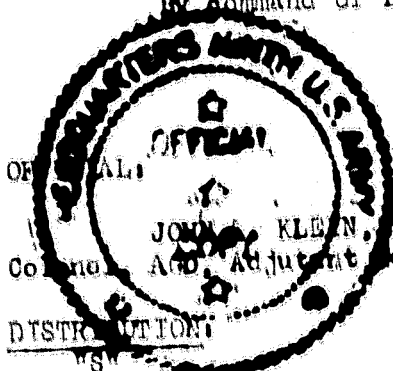
Corporal Francis L. Wilson, 34727460, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Woodrow W. Cook, 34650351, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

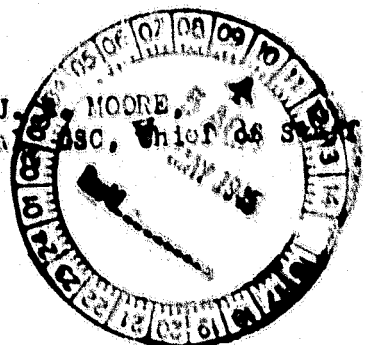
Private First Class Johnny L. Narramore, 34726916, (then Private and Private First Class), Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Carlyle A. Nesbitt, 34650445, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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