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- Rufus A. Parsons*
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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:

Technician Fifth Grade Donald K. Davis, 19106483, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 March 1945. Technician Davis courageously advanced in the face of deadly enemy fire to rescue three severely wounded men from a disabled assault gun. Completely disregarding his own safety, Technician Davis exposed himself frequently to intense enemy fire for more than four hours and made nine advances to within seventy-five yards of the enemy in order to aid and rescue his comrades. His heroic rescue work and skillful treatment of the wounded kept fatalities to a minimum and greatly alleviated their suffering. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Technician Davis reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

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:

Private First Class Theodore White, 31459531, Infantry, 334th Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Completely disregarding the concentrated enemy fire directed at him as man of his company sought cover, Private White, despite a painful wound, moved forward firing from a standing position and killed three of the enemy in their trench. He then killed two more of the enemy and while advancing toward another enemy position, Private White lost his life. As a result of Private White's courageous action, the enemy became so confused that his company was able to move forward and capture the enemy positions with a minimum of casualties. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Private White reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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:

Colonel Rufus A. Parsons, 010077, Quartermaster Corps, 550th Quartermaster Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 23 February 1945 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

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* Lieutenant Colonel Arthur K. Chapman, 0367231, Infantry, 7th Armored Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 February 1944 to 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Lieutenant Colonel Selig J. Ross, 0341385, Medical Corps, 178th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 16 June 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Major Sam A. Edwards, 0452216, Medical Administrative Corps, 31st Medical Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 8 June 1944 to 5 November 1944. Entered military service from California.

Major Eugene G. Hite, 0304206, Infantry, 7th Armored Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 February 1945 to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Captain Robert Q. Conner, 0347102, Coast Artillery Corps, 55th AAA Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Captain Harold R. Keller, 0404995, Quartermaster Corps, 87th Quartermaster Railhead Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 March 1945 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Carl E. Wood, 0381971, Coast Artillery Corps, 12th AAA Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant Harold J. Brown, 01043037, Coast Artillery Corps, 55th AAA Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant John R. Perkins, 01042136, Coast Artillery Corps, 12th AAA Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMSON

