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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:

Lieutenant Colonel Leroy E. Frazier, 0405707, Infantry, 405th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 23 February 1945 in Germany. When his battalion encountered unexpected heavy enemy resistance after an assault river crossing, Colonel Frazier unhesitatingly braved intense enemy fire to reach the far shore of the river. Moving courageously through heavily mined fields to reach his disorganized assault company, he directed quick reorganization and insured the company's move forward. By his coolness, courage and personal example, Colonel Frazier so inspired his men that they continued their advance, overran all opposition and captured their objective. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Colonel Frazier reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Captain Barber C. Mills, 0405108, Infantry, 771st Tank Battalion, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany. On 23 February 1945, Captain Mills directed his tanks in a bold flanking move which completely overran enemy positions, thus enabling infantry troops to take their objective. When his company was ambushed by enemy tanks and anti-tank emplacements on 2 March 1945, Captain Mills personally led the attack and disabled one hostile vehicle and a self-propelled gun with his tank. He then personally made a dangerous reconnaissance on foot and selected a route over which he extricated tanks of two of his platoons which had been cut off by the enemy. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain Mills reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Captain Weldon W. Wilson, 01010603, Infantry, 81st Tank Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 and 27 February 1945. In the face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Wilson dismounted from his tank and brought forward a tank destroyer platoon to take over his positions so his task force could continue its mission. The following day when his force was held up by enemy artillery, mortar, anti-tank and small arms fire, Captain Wilson, with complete disregard for his own safety, dismounted from his tank to contact his platoon leaders and artillery observer in order to direct the operations necessary for bringing artillery fire on the enemy positions. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain Wilson reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

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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:

Technical Sergeant Rowdy W. Parker, 6283536, Infantry, 405th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 23 February 1945 in Germany. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Parker made his way under 150 yards of intense enemy tank fire to a position within fifty yards of an enemy tank. He fired his bazooka, forcing the tank to withdraw. Encountering another enemy tank, Sergeant Parker fired again, forcing the tank to withdraw one hundred yards where it burst into flames. As a third tank approached, he fired and caused it to halt ten feet from where it was hit. As a result of his undaunted courage, three enemy tanks were neutralized and an enemy counterattack repulsed. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Parker reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas J. Braun, 16168779, Ordnance Department, 554th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company, United States Army, for heroism and courageous action. On 26 November 1944, Technician Braun rescued a fellow soldier from the interior of a burning tank which contained inflammable fuel and high-explosive ammunition. Technician Braun then returned to the tank and extinguished the flame. Through his immediate action, Technician Braun was responsible for saving a life besides a valuable piece of government property. The heroism and courage of Technician Braun reflect much credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (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 Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to:

First Lieutenant Charles A. Post, 01549026, Corps of Engineers, 167th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 August 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

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