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GENERAL ORDERS }  
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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
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- V. AWARD OF PRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).
- VI. AWARD OF AIR 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:

Corporal William P. McPherson, 35013813, Cavalry, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 3 March 1945 in Germany. Corporal McPherson, armed with a sub-machine gun, dismounted from his armored car and advanced in the face of deadly enemy fire to supervise the evacuation of a disabled vehicle. He led a buttoned-up armored car to the disabled vehicle and directed its fire while simultaneously covering their advance with effective fire from his weapon. Then without hesitation he assaulted a strongly defended house. A few minutes later Corporal McPherson emerged with twenty-eight prisoners and a burned-out weapon. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Corporal McPherson reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

**II. 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 Third Grade Joseph Destrampe, 16155040, Ordnance Department, 553rd Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company, United States Army, for heroism and courageous action. On 25 January 1945, a section of the wooden bridge over which Technician Destrampe was driving a motor carriage, collapsed and the vehicle crashed through the ice covering the river, twenty-five feet below. During the fall the assistant driver was thrown into the water. Although dazed and severely injured, Technician Destrampe managed to locate his unconscious comrade and, being too weak to pull him from the water, held his head above the water until aid came. The heroism and courage of Technician Destrampe reflect much credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

**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 John W. Dobson, 16116438, (then Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, 1148th Engineer Combat Group, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations from 8 March 1945 to 20 March 1945. Entered

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military service from Arizona.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel Charles G. Rau, 017721, Infantry, 7th Armored Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 21 February 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

V. 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:

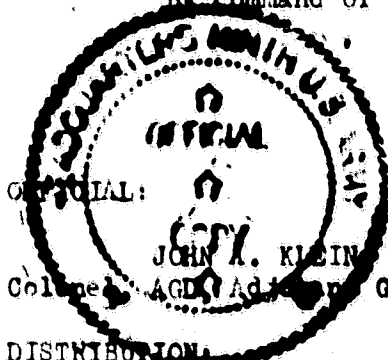
Private Constantinos E. Tsagris, 39030416, Corps of Engineers, 536th Engineer Light Ponton Company, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

VI. AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Hugh E. Carrigg, 01171939, Field Artillery, 548th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 21 February 1945 to 9 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant Kenneth W. Brunello, 01181554, Field Artillery, 548th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 21 February 1945 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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