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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
II. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE.

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:

Colonel Philip D. Ginder, 016904, Infantry, 121st Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 28 November 1944, Colonel Ginder personally led the reserve company of his battalion in an attack against a strongly defended town in Germany where other attacking companies were pinned down by intense enemy small arms and mortar fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and armed with only his pistol and a hand grenade, Colonel Ginder courageously moved forward leading his men into the town despite the fierce enemy resistance. During the bitter house-to-house fighting that followed, Colonel Ginder, through his personal courage and leadership, set an inspiring example which gave added encouragement to his men. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Colonel Ginder reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Lieutenant Colonel Gerald C. Kelleher, 0310994, Infantry, 415th Infantry Regiment, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 29 October 1944, Colonel Kelleher was in command of a battalion making an advance against the enemy in Holland, when the forward elements were halted by enemy artillery and mortar fire. Realizing the danger of remaining there, Colonel Kelleher, with total disregard for his own personal safety, ran quickly to the head of the column and rallied his men, then personally led the advance by acting as the point. When he observed an enemy patrol of approximately ten men approaching, he ran forward, armed only with a pistol, charged the patrol, capturing two and forcing the remainder to withdraw. As the advance continued, his executive officer became wounded. Courageously and heedless of the enemy artillery and sniper fire, Colonel Kelleher, without hesitation, ran to the fallen officer and carried him to the cover of a nearby building. The valor and superior leadership of Colonel Kelleher contributed in a large measure to the success of the drive. His extraordinary heroism and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

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The 195th Quartermaster Gasoline Supply Company, for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 5 July 1944 to 31 December 1944, the 195th Quartermaster Gasoline Supply Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Complete cooperation within the unit was displayed when it was necessary to set up numerous gasoline supply points in support of operations against the enemy. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 195th Quartermaster Gasoline Supply Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

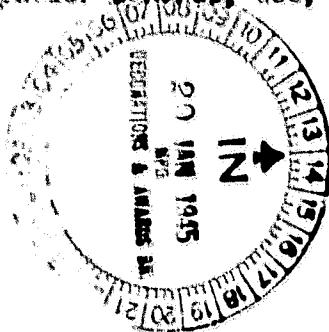
The 574th Ambulance Company, for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 8 June 1944 to 16 November 1944, the 574th Ambulance Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance of every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 574th Ambulance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 502nd Medical Collecting Company, for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 7 June 1944 to 31 December 1944, the 502nd Medical Collecting Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 502nd Medical Collecting Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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



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