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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
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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:

Sergeant George E. Burns, 32780093, Infantry, 415th Infantry Regiment, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On the morning of 5 December 1944, in Germany, the enemy launched a vicious counterattack with tanks and infantry on the company in which Sergeant Burns was a squad leader. An enemy tank penetrated the position, knocked out the anti-tank defense, destroyed all communications and wounded the company commander. Realizing that his platoon's bazookas had been destroyed, Sergeant Burns, at the risk of his own personal safety and in the face of enemy fire from tanks and supporting infantry, boldly ran from house to house to secure a bazooka and ammunition. Unable to find a suitable covered position from which to fire, he ran to the open street and fired ten rounds at the enemy tank, taking cover only to load his weapon. He was successful in killing eight of the advancing infantrymen and forcing the tank to withdraw. Sergeant Burns courageously ran down the street after the retreating tank, disabled it with his last round of bazooka ammunition and killed the crew with rifle fire as they abandoned the disabled tank. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Burns 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 SILVER STAR. 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 Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Richard A. Schwartz, 34739659, (then Private First Class) Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On 5 October 1944, Technician Schwartz was a medical aid man with a combat engineer company which was maintaining a bridge across the Rhine River in Germany. During a mortar barrage which pinned the men to the ground, an officer was seriously wounded by shrapnel on the far side of the bridge. Despite the intensity of the mortar barrage and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Schwartz moved to the aid of the wounded officer. As he advanced, he was forced to dive to the ground several times to avoid being hit by mortar fragments. Upon reaching the wounded officer, Technician Schwartz rendered first aid and shielded the injured man with his own body until the barrage stopped and the officer could be evacuated. The gallantry and courage of Technician Schwartz reflect much credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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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:

Sergeant Frank Kobosky, 33415311, Coast Artillery Corps, 562nd AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army, for heroism and courageous actions. On 13 January 1945, Sergeant Kobosky was on the scene when a fellow soldier climbed a thirty-five foot pole in an attempt to tap a high tension electric line. When the soldier accidentally came in contact with a charged wire, causing a great flash, his body became limp and suspended only by his safety belt. Sergeant Kobosky, showing calmness and great courage, fired his rifle three times to attract the attention of others and climbed the pole. Holding the limp body to keep it from falling, Sergeant Kobosky cut the safety belt. When the belt buckle became lodged on one of the cross arms, Sergeant Kobosky worked dangerously close to the highly charged wires, with no thought to possible electrocution, freed the buckle and lowered the victim toward the ground. When but a few feet from safety, he fell to the ground. With the aid of others, artificial respiration was applied but to no avail. The courage and heroism of Sergeant Kobosky reflect credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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