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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).
II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS). ORIGINAL ORDER - ETOUSA

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (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, in addition to the Distinguished Service Cross previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel Chester J. Hirschfelder, 06124, 9th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 28 July 1944, the regiment commanded by Colonel Hirschfelder was assigned the mission of taking an important, heavily fortified, enemy-held ridge near Saint Jean Des Baisants, France. Colonel Hirschfelder moved from the leading elements of one assault company after another, constantly driving them forward toward the objective. At one time, when enemy resistance was at its peak and his men had begun to show signs of battle fatigue, Colonel Hirschfelder, fully exposed to concentrated enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, turned his back to the enemy, removed his helmet and with his hands on his hips asked his men what was holding them up. This display of courage and psychological inspiration was the needed spark that created new life in his tired men. As the advance continued despite a seemingly impregnable wall of enemy fire, Colonel Hirschfelder, with complete disregard for his own safety and with superior leadership, led the smashing blow that took the objective. Still under heavy enemy fire, he remained with his men, inspiring and improving their positions. 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 Indiana.

II. 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 Miguel C. Ramirez, 38075040, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade William H. Campbell, 34105675, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade Stanley W. Willschlag, Jr., 33144067, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Private First Class Welcome C. Mullen, 39025805, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from California.

Private Al V. Garvin, 6573889, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from California.

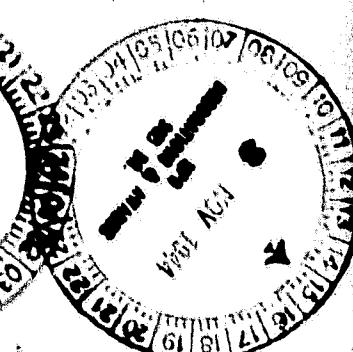
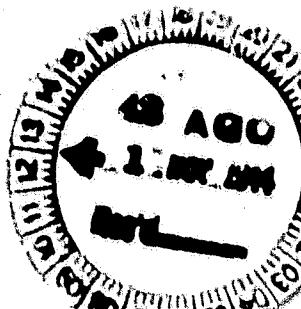
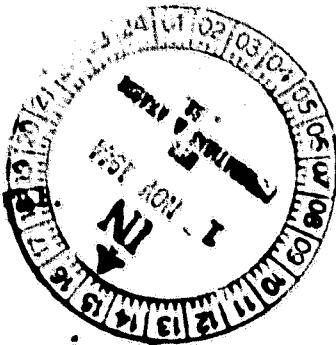
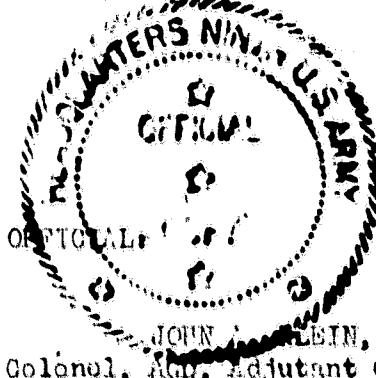
Private Adolph G. Martinez, 38166399, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Mexico.

III. 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 William J. Scott, 32569517, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 August 1944 in France. Private Scott, as a member of a tank crew, was assigned the mission of covering a platoon of combat engineers attempting to destroy an enemy road block which was delaying the advance of an armored column. After two demolition charges had failed to destroy the road block and heavy enemy shelling made further work by the engineers impossible, Private Scott and his fellow soldiers stood fast, still resisting the enemy. Under their cover, a heavy mobile gun was brought into position to fire directly into the barrier, destroying it. The part played by Private Scott and the tank crew members was a contributing factor in the destruction of this obstacle and permitted the armored column to advance. His heroism is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

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



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