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I. 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:

Staff Sergeant Walter J. Littleton, 33071141, Cavalry, 125th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 12 October 1944, while on a mission to the front lines in Holland, Sergeant Littleton discovered a patrol of Royal Dutch Storm Troopers which was being subjected to extremely heavy enemy flanking fire, the source of which could not be detected. In order to expose the enemy, Sergeant Littleton, completely disregarding his own personal safety, ran across the open terrain through a hail of enemy fire and pointed out the sector from which the enemy fire was coming. During this heroic action he was mortally wounded, but not before he had accomplished his mission. By his extraordinary heroism he had caused the enemy to reveal their well concealed positions, thus enabling effective fire to be brought upon them, causing their retreat. At the cost of his life, Sergeant Littleton averted the destruction of the Dutch patrol. 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 Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star is posthumously awarded to:

Private First Class Clarence O. Jones, 36423543, Medical Department, 501st Medical Collecting Company, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy. On 6 June 1944, on Utah Beach, France, Private Jones, a litter bearer, left the comparative safety of the sea-wall to aid in an attempt to evacuate a wounded man. Fully realizing the dangers of the intense artillery and small-arms fire, he courageously crawled towards the wounded soldier. After having advanced twenty-five yards, he was mortally wounded by an exploding shell which landed within a few feet of him. The gallantry and courage of Private Jones reflect much credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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, 2 March 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

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✓ Private Harold E. Collins, 39723925, Corps of Military Police, 524th Military Police Battalion, United States Army, for heroism and courageous actions. On 16 December 1944, Private Collins was performing routine town patrol duty in Belgium. After entering a cafe to examine passes of soldiers, he heard an approaching enemy robot bomb. When the bomb was seemingly overhead, it cut out. Private Collins ran across the cafe, grabbed a one and one-half year old child and dived to the floor, shielding the baby with his own body and covering its head and face with his helmet. The robot bomb exploded across the street, shattering the glass in the cafe and hurling the furniture about the room. The baby was unharmed, as was Private Collins, though three soldiers and several other people were injured, cut and bruised. Private Collins assisted in the evacuation of the wounded to the aid station and then ran to the scene of the explosion to continue rescue and police work. His courage and heroism reflect credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

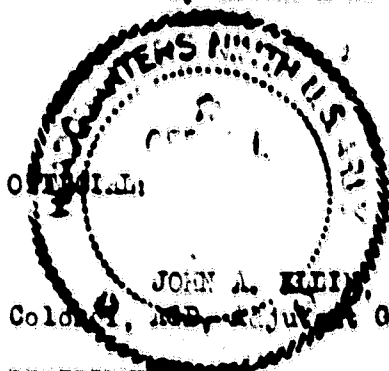
IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-25, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Ray D. Johnson, 39464090, Corps of Engineers, 551st Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 September 1944 to 12 September 1944 near Arnaville, France. Entered military service from Oregon.

✓ Private First Class Radmar M. Spahr, Jr., 17090963, Corps of Engineers, 551st Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 September 1944 to 12 September 1944 near Arnaville, France. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Tony J. Platkovic, 36590884, Corps of Engineers, 551st Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 September 1944 to 12 September 1944 near Arnaville, France. Entered military service from Michigan.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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