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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR 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:

Second Lieutenant Paul F. Musick, Jr., 02000524, (then Technical Sergeant) Infantry, 175th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 26 November 1944, during a strong enemy counterattack in Germany, Lieutenant Musick, then a platoon sergeant, moved through enemy mortar and artillery fire to a point of vantage from which he could direct return fire which forced enemy infantry to take cover. With no thought to his own personal safety, he faced enemy tank and sniper fire to reach a discarded light tank. Finding out that it would not start he manned its 37mm gun until the enemy tanks withdrew. He then courageously worked his way forward and killed the three snipers. Lieutenant Musick then repaired a three inch gun, gathered a make-shift crew together and fired six rounds into a building believed to be an enemy observation post. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Musick reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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:

Captain Joannette E. Potter, N-730655, Army Nurse Corps, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 14 June 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

First Lieutenant Charles E. Knight, 01312018, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Milton D. Riedel, 0526684, Signal Corps, 39th Signal Heavy Construction Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 2 September 1944 to 11 September 1944 in Brittany, France. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Russell J. Elison, 01525383, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 October 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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First Sergeant John Sherman, 6496976, Ordnance Department, 637th Ordnance Ammunition Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 June 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

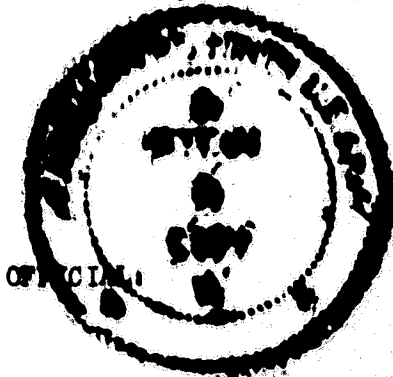
Technician Third Grade Ottis G. Finner, Jr., 34900607, Signal Corps, 38th Signal Heavy Construction Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 2 September 1944 to 11 September 1944 in Brittany, France. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant Jack R. Darrow, 35826113, (then Corporal), Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Leo J. Witt, 36771142, (then Private First Class), Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Michael J. Coghlan, 39209757, (then Private), Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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