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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
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 - III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL.
 - IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.

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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:

Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay C. Harkness, Jr., 028181, Cavalry, 66th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 26 July 1944, Colonel Harkness courageously led an armored attack on the Canisy-Le Meauil Herman road, France. When his tank became disabled, Colonel Harkness mounted the back of another and with complete disregard for his own personal safety and in the face of enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small-arms fire, continued to direct the advance. As he personally moved forward to direct the removal of two burning enemy vehicles from their path, Colonel Harkness was fired upon from point-blank range by two of the enemy. Though he was painfully wounded, Colonel Harkness drew his pistol, killed one of his adversaries and forced the other to run to cover. Refusing to be evacuated but accepting first aid, he continued to lead and direct his men on to their objective. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Colonel Harkness reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York

Captain Mario T. De Felice, 0484759, Medical Corps, 66th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 27 July 1944, during an attack near Le Mans, France, Captain De Felice, a battalion surgeon, in order to evacuate the wounded, moved his ambulance forward until it was almost completely surrounded by the enemy. While engaged in evacuating the wounded men, an enemy soldier fired at him and wounded two infantrymen who were assisting him. Captain De Felice, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, continued to care for all the wounded men, without any assistance whatsoever, and loaded them into the ambulance. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain De Felice reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant John C. Cornell, 0524951, 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 6 September 1944, during an attack near Gravelotte, France, Lieutenant Cornell displayed outstanding courage and bravery when his platoon was subjected to enemy antitank, artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and in the face of enemy fire, Lieutenant Cornell dismounted from his vehicle and personally directed return fire that silenced an enemy gun. When several of his men were wounded, he gave orders to fight through to a friendly aid station. Although he was seriously wounded, Lieutenant Cornell courageously continued to direct the operation. Inspired by his devotion to duty and determination, his men

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breached the enemy lines and reached the aid station. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Cornell reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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:

First Sergeant Leon Womack, 38408305, 665th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 February 1944 to 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal is awarded to:

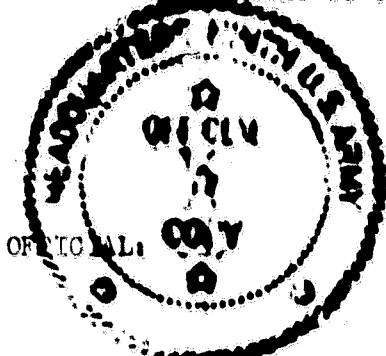
Technical Sergeant Jack S. Bridgen, 38458053, Air Corps, 125th Liaison Squadron, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 23 August 1944 to 21 October 1944, over continental Europe. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Frank P. Sorenson, 17113665, Air Corps, 125th Liaison Squadron, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 6 August 1944 to 9 November 1944, over continental Europe. Entered military service from Minnesota.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. 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 Purple Heart is awarded to:

Mr. Holbrook Bradley, United States Civilian War Correspondent, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 8 August 1944, in France.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

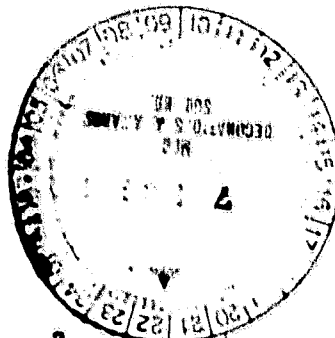


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