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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:

Private First Class John J. Coyle, 35633036, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 303rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 78th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 6 January 1945, Private Coyle volunteered to accompany a demolition squad which, with an infantry assault team, attacked an enemy pillbox in Germany. After the intense enemy fire had created casualties among the advancing soldiers, Private Coyle courageously administered first aid until the assault team was forced to withdraw. During the withdrawal, one of the infantry men was wounded and sought refuge in a sheltering hole. Leaving his body partially exposed Private Coyle rendered aid to the wounded man. While performing this task, Private Coyle was wounded but he continued until everything possible had been done for the wounded man - only then did he look to his own wound. 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 Ohio.

Private Robert H. Stott, 39404072, Infantry, 333rd Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 23 November 1944, Private Stott, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, courageously led a squad of men through intense enemy fire to neutralize two strong enemy installations in Germany. The results obtained through his leadership and courage enabled his battalion to advance. The following day, Private Stott again led his squad against an enemy strong point. In the fierce fighting that followed, he was seriously wounded in the left eye. Despite his painful wound, Private Stott carried another wounded man a distance of four hundred yards through intense enemy fire to an aid station. 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 California.

II. REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section III, General Orders No 43, this headquarters, 12 November 1944, pertaining to the award of Silver Star to Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler G. Merrim, 0291585, Infantry, 82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, is revoked.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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, as amended, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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Lieutenant Colonel Wheeler G. Merriam, 0291585, Infantry, 82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On 12 September 1944, Colonel Merriam directed an armored attack on enemy installations located at the far end of a destroyed bridge across a canal in Belgium. The enemy was firing antitank guns, mortars and machine guns into the column as it advanced. In order to better view the situation, Colonel Merriam fearlessly directed his driver to move to the head of the column. When his armored car was hit by enemy antitank fire and his driver wounded, Colonel Merriam and his crew dismounted, the driver falling in front of the still slowly-moving vehicle. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and heedless of the enemy machine-gun fire, Colonel Merriam stopped the car, rendered first aid to the wounded man and moved him to cover. The gallantry and courage of Colonel Merriam reflect much credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

IV. 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:

Brigadier General John F. Uncles, 014914, USA, 34th Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 September 1944 to 24 November 1944 in France, Belgium and Holland. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Sergeant Donald E. Graham, 20744023, (then Staff Sergeant and First Sergeant) Cavalry, 113th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 2 July 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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