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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
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III. 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:

Staff Sergeant Raymond M. Parker, 20361580, (then Sergeant) Infantry, 134th Infantry Regiment, 38th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 10 September 1944, Sergeant Parker, an assistant squad leader, crossed the Moselle River, near Frolois, France, and became cut-off from his unit. Despite enemy action, he courageously organized two machine-gun squads from other men and ordered fire upon the enemy. When casualties were created in his newly-formed squads, he manned one of the guns himself until his ammunition was exhausted. After becoming a prisoner, he managed to elude his captors and escaped across the river to safety. The extraordinary heroism and aggressive leadership of Sergeant Parker reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

II. 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:

Corporal Alvin E. Wolf, 37508206, Infantry, 116th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on enemy-held positions in Germany on 18 November 1944, Corporal Wolf's squad was suddenly subjected to grazing fire from two enemy machine guns. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and the possible annihilation of his squad, Corporal Wolf ordered a base of fire and then personally crawled toward the enemy. After coming to within a few yards of one enemy gun, he assaulted the position with hand grenades, silencing the gun and killing three of its crew. The base of fire he had ordered neutralized the other enemy gun. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Corporal Wolf reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

III. 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:

Major James D. Hopkins, O-317100, Infantry, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Captain James J. Wilder, 0375706, Ordnance Department, 464th Ordnance Evacuation

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Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 3 December 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Leslie R. Coover, 01580793, Ordnance Department, 3508th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 December 1944 to 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Joseph W. Ball, W-2129293, USA, 519th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1944 to 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Fred J. O'Neal, 36328306, Ordnance Department, 599th Ordnance Ammunition Company, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 December 1944 to 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Joseph E. Salas, 11009856, Infantry, Headquarters Detachment, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

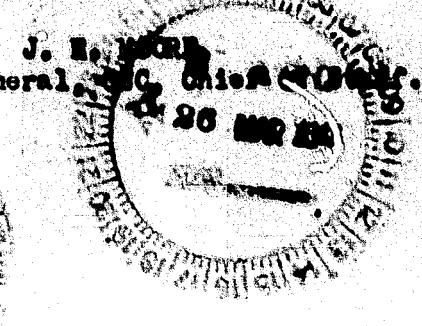
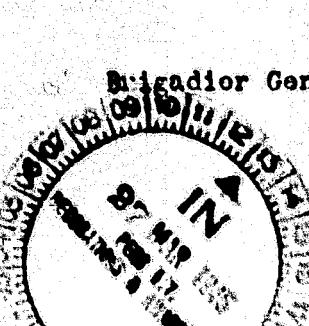
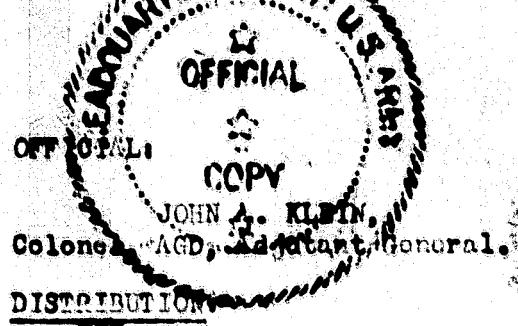
Technician Third Grade George L. Davis, 39273894, Ordnance Department, 3508th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 December 1944 to 9 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Raymond L. Jernigan, 19034041, Ordnance Department, 464th Ordnance Evacuation Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 July 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fourth Grade George E. Harman, 15172252, Ordnance Department, 519th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1944 to 19 December 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade William A. Grice, 36375458, Ordnance Department, 464th Ordnance Evacuation Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 July 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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