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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).

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:

Captain Belmont R. Byrn, 0410590, Infantry, 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 August 1944 to 12 August 1944 in France. When a strong enemy force encircled the hill occupied by his battalion, Captain Byrn reestablished contact between the disorganized companies by traveling through five miles of enemy territory. When food and ammunition dropped by friendly aircraft fell unavoidably in enemy territory, he led his men in a successful recovery of the supplies. Captain Byrn's determination, matchless courage and superb leadership of the defense of the hill contributed to the ultimate frustration of the enemy attack. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain Byrn reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Captain John Erbes, 0380930, Medical Corps, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. On 17 November 1944, Captain Erbes voluntarily and with complete disregard to his own personal safety braved enemy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire to aid friendly casualties 600 yards behind enemy lines. Even though his Geneva Cross Flag was shot from his hand on the first trip, Captain Erbes courageously made a total of four trips into enemy lines evacuating twelve seriously wounded men, six of whom would have died if they had not been given immediate medical attention. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain Erbes reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant William R. Wilson, 14130948, Infantry, 408th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 20 November 1944, in Germany, Sergeant Wilson, in an attempt to contact his unit, led his three companions through a hail of enemy fire in a series of bold assaults that netted twenty-one prisoners and two half-tracks. Upon rejoining his unit, Sergeant Wilson and his men spearheaded the advance of his unit through the town, shattering enemy resistance and bringing the total number of prisoners to fifty. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Wilson reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

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

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OO 99, HQ Ninth U. S. Army, 31 March 1948, cont'd.

Circular No 33, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel John D. Dupre, 0301190, Medical Corps, 1st Medical Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 February 1945 to 10 March 1948. Entered military service from Texas.

Major John J. McDonald, 0299904, Field Artillery, 34th Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 September 1944 to 20 February 1948. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain Lewis Bolnick, 0422794, Dental Corps, 404th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 September 1944 to 8 March 1948. Entered military service from New Jersey.

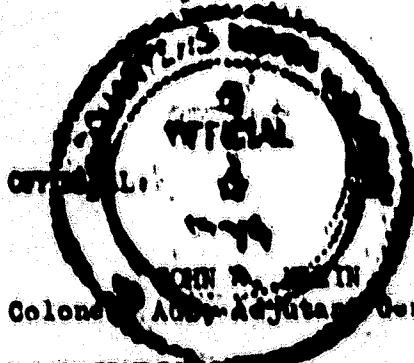
Captain Manley G. Morrison, 01542819, Medical Administrative Corps, 430th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 February 1945 to 8 March 1948. Entered military service from Idaho.

Chief Warrant Officer Newton E. Stafford, W-2119627, USA, 147th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 November 1944 to 28 October 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Major Vernon G. Young, 0316493, Field Artillery, 34th Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 September 1944 to 12 March 1948. Entered military service from Texas.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



J. E. MOORE,
Brigadier General, USA, Chief of Staff.

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