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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:

First Lieutenant Joseph B. Farrar, 01014225, Cavalry, 85th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 20 December 1944 in Germany, Lieutenant Farrar and a corporal, after destroying an enemy tank which had advanced to within ten yards of their position, helped repel a savage infantry-armor attack. Lieutenant Farrar dangerously exposing himself to enemy fire, knocked out an enemy machine gun crew, a rocket launcher crew and personally killed about 18 enemy soldiers. He and his fellow soldier were largely responsible for successfully warding off the attack. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Farrar reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant Ray Skinner, 37107109, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Cavalry, 85th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 20 December 1944 in Germany, Sergeant Skinner and his platoon leader, after destroying an enemy tank which had advanced to within ten yards of their position, exposed themselves to enemy fire to repel a savage infantry-armor attack on their position. Sergeant Skinner personally killed about 18 enemy soldiers and aided materially in routing the enemy from an unsuccessful attack on their position. Then Sergeant Skinner dangerously exposed himself to accurately adjust artillery fire on the enemy preventing another counterattack. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Skinner reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Jay W. Waldron, 32400932, Infantry, 335th Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy on 24 December 1944 in Belgium. When the town which Sergeant Waldron's unit had occupied was attacked by enemy tanks and infantry, he manned a machine gun alone and accounted for thirty-five of the enemy with the assistance of two other machine guns. When his company was ordered to withdraw, he again voluntarily manned a machine gun alone and covered its successful withdrawal. Though wounded in this action, he destroyed his gun and joined his unit after completing his mission. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Waldron reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Herman W. Norris, 14006089, Infantry, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 16 November 1944

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Technician Norris' tank was hit by enemy bazooka fire. With complete disregard to his own personal safety he ran fifty yards across the field of fire of an enemy pillbox to warn a support wave of tanks coming from the rear, which resulted in the destruction of the pillbox. Traveling through a mine field to the aid station, Technician Norris, in the midst of enemy artillery fire voluntarily left his tank to evacuate a wounded soldier. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Technician Norris 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 Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Paul G. Hykes, 0317158, Coast Artillery Corps, 55th AAA Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 September 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

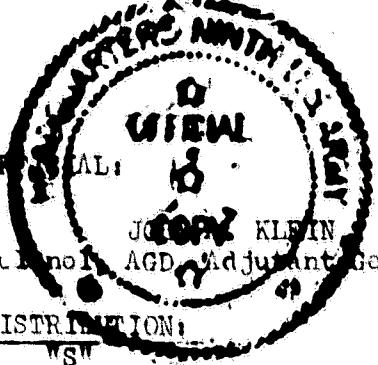
Staff Sergeant James E. Evans, 36566575, Medical Department, 501st Medical Collecting Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 June 1944 to 19 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth W. Seyb, 17067119, Medical Department, 566th Ambulance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter C. Fiehler, 37398831, Medical Department, 566th Ambulance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred L. Trauernicht, 37456161, Medical Department, 566th Ambulance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 June 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:


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