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I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

ITSUHI SASAIKAI, 30 101 548, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, (Missing in Action), for extraordinary heroism in action. On 22 October 1944, near Belmont, France, Sergeant Sasaoka was assigned as a machine gunner on the last tank of a task force during the execution of a daring thrust through enemy-held terrain in an effort to relieve a friendly unit which had been surrounded and cut off by the enemy. As the task force advanced over a mountain trail, the enemy opened fire from well dug-in positions on both sides of the trail. Although seriously wounded by the first burst of hostile fire, Sergeant Sasaoka, displaying a disdain for personal safety seldom surpassed, clung to his machine gun and directed a hail of bullets into the enemy positions in a last desperate attempt to prevent the other members of the platoon from being subjected to the lethal enemy crossfire. Finally, unable to hang on any longer due to his weakened condition, Sergeant Sasaoka fell from the lurching tank. His magnificent courage and devotion to duty were in large measure responsible for the successful accomplishment of his platoon's mission and for saving the lives of many of his comrades. Next of Kin: Mr. Masaru Sasaoka, (Brother), Waipahu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

II -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

HANS R. ALBERS, 32 443 202, Private, Corps of Military Police, Company "B", *** Military Police Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 23 December 1944, near Lunoville, France. While on duty as a motorcycle patrolman, Private Albers suddenly saw a motorcycle ahead of him go out of control, spilling its rider and drenching his clothing with gasoline.

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The man was immediately engulfed in flames. Private Albers stopped his machine and, without regard for his own safety, attempted to smother the flames with his own body. CRAZED by pain and fear, the man ran away from him. Private Albers caught him, threw him to the ground, and with a blanket and his parka extinguished the flames.
Entered military service from New York City, New York.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

ZENO F. McDaniel, 37 129 970, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 733 Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action. On 29 August 1944, in the vicinity of Loriol, France, Sergeant McDaniel left the safety of his tank and ran to the aid of the crew of an overturned half-track, who were pinned down under the vehicle. Although he was under the observation of the enemy and exposed to heavy enemy fire, Sergeant McDaniel, using a shovel, dug under the half-track, rescued a seriously wounded soldier, and carried him under fire to a nearby medical aid station. Entered military service from Farmington, Missouri.

IV - AWARD OF THE AERIAL MEDAL WITH THE FIRST AND SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTERS THERETO. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal with the First and Second Oak Leaf Clusters therefor are awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

JOSEPH ROSENBERGER, 01 175 565, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 733 Field Artillery Battalion, from 23 February 1944 to 5 June 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Forest Hills, New York.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. G. CALDWELL,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

I, FRIEDA C. WOLF, a Notary Public in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original, which was examined by me this 25th day of August 1972 in Overland, Missouri.

Notary Public – My commission expires: Feb. 6, 1976

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