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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
- II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS).

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:

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Second Lieutenant Alvin D. Conger, 0687446, Field Artillery, 113th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. Lieutenant Conger, a forward observer, roved through enemy fire to a point where he was able to place an effective artillery concentration on enemy guns which had halted his unit's advance, quickly silencing them. He then advanced behind assaulting infantry until he was fired on by an enemy machine gun. Crawling out, he advanced and killed the entire machine gun crew. When he was again fired on from a group of houses, he fired into the enemy positions to point out the target for a 105mm gun which soon led to the surrender of thirty-one of the enemy. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Lieutenant Conger reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
- II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS).
- III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 23 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 Robert C. Burks, O1160187, 118th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 4 October 1944, in Germany, Lieutenant Burks was serving as a forward observer for the 118th Field Artillery Battalion which was supporting the 117th Infantry Regiment in an assault upon the Siegfried Line. The enemy launched a determined counterattack throughout an active front which threatened to overrun positions. After he had delivered effective artillery fire upon the enemy in his sector, Lieutenant Burks learned that the forward observer at another post had become a casualty and the enemy was succeeding in counter-attacking the sector which had no effective artillery support. Voluntarily and in the face of seemingly certain death, he left his position and moved over a route which was being subjected to extremely heavy enemy fire, including direct fire from a German tank. Arriving at the observation post at which his fellow observer had been wounded, he discovered that it was now occupied by the enemy. Moving on to the vicinity of the first company he had supported, he selected an observation post on the third floor of a building from which he directed effective artillery fires which turned the hostile attack into a decisive defeat. An organized regiment of the foe was defeated in its attack on a single infantry company. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Burks reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 23 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:

Technical Sergeant Fred R. Stockett, 35717109, 119th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 28-29 July 1944, near Treisgotz, France, Sergeant Stockett was acting as platoon leader in an advance against the enemy. When his platoon was held up by two enemy tanks protected by foot personnel and at least two machine guns, he ordered the parties of lead went and again attempted to advance to a bridge. The machine guns covering the bridge were neutralized by fire through gaps in the hedgehog forcing him and his men back. Five times Sergeant Stockett led his men forward, only to be forced to withdraw when enemy action threatened to annihilate his platoon. Realizing that the enemy machine guns must be silenced, Sergeant Stockett deliberately exposed himself, breaking the enemy fire upon himself so that his men might determine the exact location of the enemy weapons. He was killed in action. Sergeant Stockett's heroic actions, and the sacrifice

Fred P. Stockett