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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
SECTION II - Award of Silver Star.
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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant CHARLES R GNIOT, 01302965, Infantry, Company A, 10th Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. During the advance of the 4th Armored Division on BLSTOGNE, BELGIUM, Lieutenant GNIOT'S company was given the mission of assaulting the town of CHAUMONT. After a fierce fight the town was seized but was immediately subjected to a counterattack by overwhelming enemy forces. When it became necessary to withdraw to positions on the outskirts of town, Lieutenant GNIOT bravely remained behind to protect the withdrawal and held his voluntary position in the face of withering fire until he was killed in action. His heroism and his supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service and remain as a constant inspiration to his men.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

First Lieutenant NORMAN J MECKLEM, JR, 0382855, Infantry, Company B, 2d Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 16 February 1945, during action near the town of SCHANKWELER, GERMANY, Lieutenant MECKLEM was severely wounded by enemy artillery fire while inspecting positions held by the infantry company he commanded. He refused to be evacuated to the hospital, and on the following day when orders were received to attack, this gallant officer, despite his wounds, personally led his company against the town, inspiring his men by his bold, fearless leadership. Lieutenant MECKLEM'S loyalty, his courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Master Sergeant JOHN L MIMS, 6399787, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third United States Army. For gallantry in action in SICILY. The courage and skill Sergeant MIMS displayed under fire on 11 July 1943, near GELA, SICILY, distinguishes him as an outstanding soldier. Strafed by enemy aircraft and under heavy

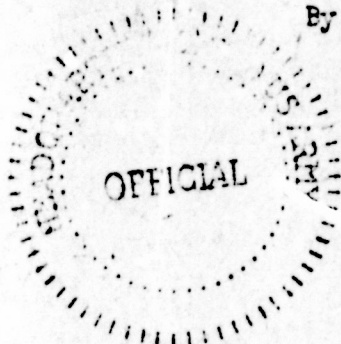
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fire when the Germans counterattacked, Sergeant MILLS, driving the Commanding General, Seventh Army, remained loyally at his post and assisted in delivering counterfire against the enemy. The fearless determination he displayed, his initiative and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

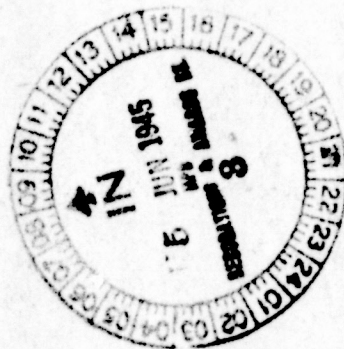
of III. REVOCATION IN SEC I, GO NO. 102, THIS HQ, CS - So much of Sec I, GO No. 102, this Hq, cs, as awards a Silver Star to Master Sergeant JOHN L MILLS, 6599787, is revoked. (This award is republished in Sec II of this General Order.)

By command of General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

R. E. CUMMINGS,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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