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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 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:

Captain KEITH G VAN NESTE, 0405360, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During action near MERSEBURG, GERMANY, on 13 April 1945, Captain VAN NESTE, with three volunteers, set forth to lay a vitally needed wire line between the regimental and battalio- command posts. Although the area was swept by intense hostile 105mm fire he fearlessly continued his mission and completed the circuit. When enemy action created a break in the line he courageously started out alone to repair it but was mortally wounded by an enemy shell. Captain VAN NESTE'S heroic actions and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE F PENNINGTON, 01320962, Infantry, Company E, 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 28 December 1944, during action near NOTHUM, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant PENNINGTON gallantly assumed an exposed position in the face of an enemy counter-attack consisting of infantrymen and an armored car. He killed three and wounded four of the advancing enemy and although mortally wounded by hostile 20mm fire he courageously picked up a rocket-launcher and in the face of direct, intense enemy fire knocked out the approaching enemy vehicle. Lieutenant PENNINGTON died as a result of his wound but his gallant actions and supreme devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Technical Sergeant WOODROW BUGG, 35460617, Company G, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 10 April 1945, when Sergeant BUGG'S platoon was pinned down by intense fire from two enemy machine guns during an assault on SCHLIER, GERMANY, he courageously accompanied his platoon leader on a flanking movement to within thirty yards of the camouflaged enemy positions. Firing his rifle from the hip he fearlessly charged through a hail of fire, silenced the first position and although mortally wounded by a concentration of fire from the other enemy machine gun fought, on with supreme gallantry until he died. Sergeant BUGG'S intrepid, self-sacrificing actions will live on as a constant inspiration to his comrades.

Private First Class LOREN E ROWLAND, 37347450, Company F, 395th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 27 April 1945, during an assault crossing of the Danube River near MARCHING,

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GERMANY, Private ROLAND'S company was subjected to intense hostile fire which held the boat to which he was assigned against the near shore. With fearless courage he seized an automatic rifle and with utter disregard for his own safety stood in an exposed position and returned the enemy fire. His heroic, unselfish action cost him his life but diverted the enemy's attention and enabled his comrades to withdraw to safety. Private ROLAND'S gallantry and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated, to:

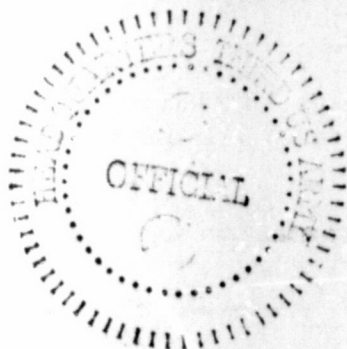
Staff Sergeant JACK D ROEMER, 16118198, Headquarters and Service Troop, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. 1 October 1944 to 22 February 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 Sep 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

AMEND. IN CG 168 - *July 22, 1945*

Technician Fourth Grade GERALD E BRYAN, 15106512, ¹⁷⁹ 327th Signal Repair Company, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 29 October 1944 in IRELAND, GERMANY.

By command of General PATTON:



ROBERT R. GAY,
General, U. S. Army,
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