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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 to:

Staff Sergeant FRED GROSSI, 33403483, Company K, 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On the night of 16 January 1945, when the enemy attacked his command post near MENNIG, GERMANY, Sergeant GROSSI on duty as command post guard dauntlessly faced the overwhelming odds and, firing a light machine gun from the hip, succeeded in slowing the furious advance. When his weapon jammed, he picked up an M1 rifle and although subjected to withering machine gun, rifle, automatic weapons and rocket fire, continued his gallant, inspired defense, killing nine enemy soldiers and five officers, and repulsing the attack. Sergeant GROSSI'S unflinching courage and heroic devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the the military service.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant DONALD R FITZGERALD, 01046791, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 456th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 29 June 1944, Lieutenant FITZGERALD was aboard ship in the English Channel when the vessel struck an enemy mine and a violent explosion occurred in the hold. Disregarding his own safety, he rushed to the hold where a raging oil fire had broken out in the midst of the men and with the help of another officer righted a large fire extinguisher and succeeded in bringing the flames under control. Continuing his heroic efforts, he assisted in removing the wounded from the hold and then supervised their evacuation to rescue ships. Lieutenant FITZGERALD'S gallant actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

III. 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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Lieutenant Colonel PETER WINJOS, 0223753, Medical Corps, 7th Medical Labora-

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tory, United States Army, 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant JAMES G HEATH, 01002614, Adjutant General's Department, 147th Army Postal Unit, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

First Sergeant ROLAND L JONS, 17067349, 680th Ordnance Ammunition Company, United States Army. 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, GERMANY and AUSTRIA.

First Sergeant HOWARD H STEINBERG, 36321088, Battery C, 456th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. 29 June 1944 to 18 July 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS J MURPHY, 32119196, 9th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 28 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

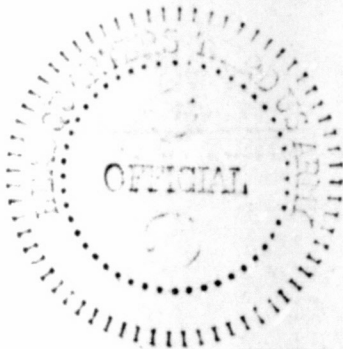
Corporal THOMAS J CLEARY, 32395568, 9th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 25 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

IV. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and six Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a seventh Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JACOB L PACKER, 0400694, Field Artillery, Headquarters 512th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 25 March 1945 to 30 April 1945.

V. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS 168 THIS HEADQUARTERS CS - So much of Section III, General Orders 168, this Headquarters, as awarding the Purple Heart to Technician Fourth Grade GERALD E BRYAN as reads "197th Signal Repair Company," is amended to read "179th Signal Repair Company."

By command of General PATTON:



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

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

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