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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 March 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 EUGENE M NETTLES, 0558068, Infantry, Company B, 261st Infantry Regiment, 65th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 26 April 1945, after an assault crossing of the Danube River near KAPPELBERG, GERMANY, Lieutenant NETTLES led his company in a fierce attack against enemy strongholds on the far shore. During the fluid actions which developed, he exposed himself to withering hostile fire on numerous occasions to lead and control elements of his organization in the bitter fighting which occurred. Inspired by his fearless example, his men pressed forward to clear two enemy-held towns. Although he was killed while deploying his men in defensive positions to thwart an enemy ambush, Lieutenant NETTLES' intrepid, aggressive leadership and supreme devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES J YESTRAMSKI, 31007734, Company E, 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 8 November 1944, Sergeant YESTRAMSKI courageously volunteered to evacuate a wounded member of his squad across a foot bridge near VIC-SUR-SEILLE, FRANCE, which had been under heavy enemy artillery attack since early morning. Although painfully wounded himself, he started to carry his comrade across the bridge when an enemy shell severed it from its mooring, throwing him and the wounded squad member into the water. Mustering all his strength, he held the wounded man afloat until his cries brought help. Although the rescue party saved his wounded comrade, Sergeant YESTRAMSKI was carried off by the swift current before he could be pulled from the water. Sergeant YESTRAMSKI'S heroic self-sacrifice and supreme devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class PATSY A AIEZZA JR, 32739686, Company E, 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 Private AIEZZA'S squad leader was wounded and evacuated, he assumed command and led the men in an attack near ERFURT, GERMANY. When the squad was pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire from the left flank, he courageously crawled to within fifty yards of the hostile weapon and then charged the position firing his rifle as he ran. Before he reached the enemy position he was seriously wounded but continued firing until he had killed two members of the hostile crew and wounded the remainder. Although Private AIEZZA died of his wounds two days later, his gallant self-sacrifice and supreme devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

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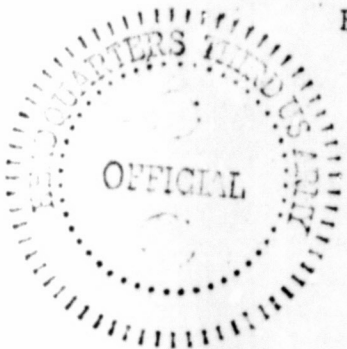
Private First Class RAYMOND J BRISSON, 31387055, Company A, 702d Tank Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 15 March 1945, Private BRISSON was connoneer of a tank which was making an attack in conjunction with friendly foot troops against enemy positions in a heavily wooded area near SCHEIDEN, GERMANY. When an enemy heavy tank scored a direct hit on his tank wounding him and setting the tank afire, he gallantly remained at his gun and continued to fire at the hostile armor until it was totally disabled. Although the flames of his burning tank enveloped him before he could be removed, Private BRISSON'S courageous tenacity enabled the friendly infantry to advance on their objective. His supreme devotion to duty exemplifies 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 March 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:

Colonel GEORGE R PYLE, 0304993, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 1124th Engineer Combat Group, United States Army. 10 April 1945 to 30 April 1945 in GERMANY.

Chief Warrant Officer JESSE B PENSE, W2119265, Headquarters Third United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

By command of General PATTON:



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