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Section I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross
Section II - Amendment to CO No 150 This Hq, cs

A. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1945, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army 27 May 1944, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant **JONAS T. RAUER**, 5577577, Company I, 531st Infantry Regiment, 85rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 3 March 1945, Sergeant RAUER was manning a machine gun observation post covering the main approach to the town of KAPELLEN, GERMANY, when enemy infantry supported by tanks launched a heavy counterattack against his positions. With two direct hits from his rocket launcher, he momentarily halted the lead enemy tank and picking up a captured German rocket gun, moved to an exposed position to place flanking fire upon the vehicle, setting it afire. Then, under a continuing barrage of hostile artillery and mortar fire, he returned to one of his machine guns and delivered devastating fire against the fleeing occupants of the disabled tank, killing all of them. Although mortally wounded as he continued his gallant defense against the pressing attack, Sergeant RAUER'S courageous actions and outstanding devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Private First Class **ROMANUS WAGNER**, 3732329, Company C, 61st Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 16 March 1945, near WESKIRCHEN, GERMANY, when hostile troops ambushed the rear of Private WAGNER'S column and knocked out two armored vehicles and a one-quarter ton truck, he fearlessly advanced toward the enemy positions in the face of withering fire which had pinned down his comrades at their vehicles. In sharp, close-range action, he killed two hostile soldiers of a rocket team with deadly fire from his M-1 rifle and assaulting an enemy machine gun crew with grenades, wiped out the entire crew. Exhibiting a fierce desire to close further with the enemy, he killed another hostile soldier manning a second machine gun before enemy sniper fire wounded him mortally. Private WAGNER'S indomitable courage and supreme devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

B. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Colonel **CARL E. LUNDQUIST**, 010039, Infantry, 14th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 24 April 1945,

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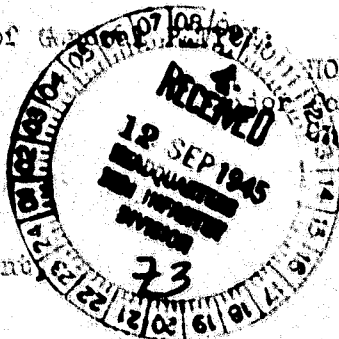
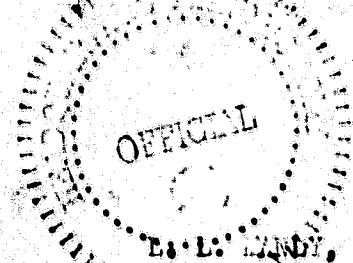
211, 2nd US Army, 7 September 1945, cont'd.

Colonel LUNDQUIST courageously led a task force in an aggressive assault upon an enemy-held bridge across the REGEN River at REGENSTAUF, GERMANY. When fierce enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire suddenly opened up on him as he was making an initial inspection of the bridge, he fearlessly held his ground and returned the fire with his pistol. Picking up an injured soldier's M-1 rifle, he advanced toward the hostile position in the face of withering fire and so effectively inspired his men by his personal example of courage that they completely enveloped the enemy by fire. As soon as reinforcements arrived he organized and led a force against the enemy installation, overrunning them and clearing the route of advance for supporting elements. Colonel LUNDQUIST'S heroic leadership and unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant JOHN L. BERANEK, 02000589, Infantry, Company L, 406th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 12 March 1945, when Lieutenant BERANEK'S patrol was challenged by strong enemy positions east of the RHINE River near UERDINGEN, GERMANY, he fearlessly went forward alone to engage the hostile troops. When one of the enemy outposts challenged the patrol a second time, he leaped into the position and after a brief hand-to-hand struggle, killed the two enemy soldiers manning it. Still undiscovered, the patrol continued on its mission and through Lieutenant BERANEK'S intrepid leadership, successfully withdrew to where their landing craft were beached. As the boats were crossing to the friendly shore, the swift current tossed one of the boats against a rock capsizing the craft and throwing its occupants into the water. With utter disregard for the intense enemy machine gun fire which was now sweeping the river, he guided his boat to the helpless men and pulled them aboard. Lieutenant BERANEK'S courageous actions and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

II. AMENDMENT TO GO NO 150 THIS HQ, GS - So much of GO No. 150, this Hq. GS, as awards a Purple Heart to First Sergeant Samuel G. Misoff as read: "20232262" is amended to read: "20232263".

By command of  ROBERT M. GRAY,
Adjutant General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.



Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
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