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**SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross**  
**SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal**

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:

Sergeant DALE H. KLAFF, 6656111, 7th Engineer Battalion, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 7 October 1944, Sergeant KLAFF was placed in charge of the 3d Platoon, Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion, his immediate superiors having become casualties. The Sergeant's platoon was in support of an infantry battalion assaulting KURT DRIANT, FRANCE. Reduction of the fortification, an intricately-constructed bastion through which ran numerous underground passageways, resulted in fierce battle both above ground and in the tunnels beneath. In one tunnel Sergeant KLAFF'S platoon was situated two-hundred yards from a heavily-barricaded enemy force which directed a constant stream of grenade, rocket and small arms fire on the Sergeant's platoon. With utter disregard for personal safety, Sergeant KLAFF began the construction of a barricade when others hesitated, and inspired his comrades by his heroic actions to maintain this barrier. The unstinted devotion to duty, courageousness and conspicuous gallantry of Sergeant KLAFF are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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, the award of a Bronze Star Medal to the following named officer on 24 March 1945 is announced:

Lieutenant Colonel RENZEL R. GRIMSBORG, 0305051, Corps of Engineers, 87th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 22-23 March 1945.

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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Colonel ROY L. DALFERES, 010272, Field Artillery, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 September 1944 to December 1944.