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SECTION I - Amendment of GO No. 38, this Hq, dtd 21 July 1944.
SECTION II - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.

I. AMENDMENT OF GO NO. 38, THIS HQ, DTD 21 JULY 1944. - General Orders Number 38, this Headquarters, cs, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to certain enlisted men is amended as follows:

1. So much as pertains to ELBERT H WOOD, 14016941, STAFF SERGEANT, as reads: "Entered United States Military Service from Louisiana", is amended to read: "Entered United States Military Service from Mississippi."

2. That portion pertaining to ARTHUR G SCHNEIDER, 32031290, TEC 5, is amended to read: "ARTHUR G SCHNEIDER, 32031290, TEC 5, Headquarters Third United States Army, then assigned 2d Armored Divison, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 10 July 1943 to 17 August 1943 in the Sicilian Campaign. Entered United States Military Service from New York."

II. 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:

Brigadier General HOLMES E DAGER, 05013, United States Army, 4th Armored Division, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 31 July 1944 against an armed enemy at AVRANCHES, FRANCE. When his own headquarters was surrounded on three sides by vastly superior numbers of the enemy, Brigadier General DAGER took extraordinarily heroic action in the face of heavy odds, thereby saving his unit from annihilation and defeating the enemy. Upon being fired upon, he immediately organized the concentrated fire of his headquarters and ordered artillery fire on the enemy, who were so close that several rounds fell into the area occupied by his headquarters. General DAGER personally organized a counter-attack of light tanks and armored cars. General DAGER participated in all actions in his own light tank, alternately loading the 37mm gun and firing the .30 calibre machine gun in addition to directing all operations. He directed the attack from the open turret of his tank in the face of a hail of enemy fire. This counter-attack into the enemy positions forced more than 2000 Germans to surrender. During the entire engagement which lasted more than two hours, General DAGER was in the midst of the extremely heavy fire, which destroyed three medium tanks and one light tank and inflicted numerous casualties in personnel. His entire conduct in this action demonstrated unsurpassed personal valor, aggressiveness and initiative. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

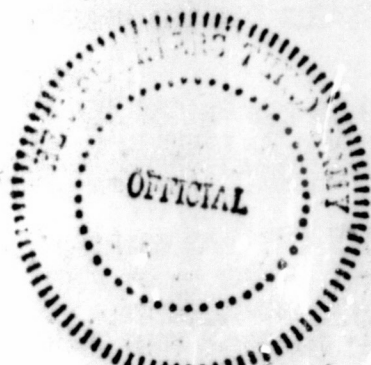
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Captain HARRY L GENTRY, O/67188, Field Artillery, 8th Infantry Division, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 10 July 1944 in the vicinity of LES JULES, FRANCE. Although subjected to and wounded by constant enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, Captain GENTRY consistently directed such accurate artillery fire on enemy formations that several enemy counter-attacks were broken in their initial stages. In one intense enemy counter-attack, during which the infantry started to withdraw, he voluntarily assumed the role of an infantry officer and, exposing himself to enemy mortar and small arms fire, personally led an attack which silenced an enemy machine gun. Still exposing himself to intense enemy fire he went among the men, encouraging them and urging them to hold their ground. His personal courage and gallant leadership contributed directly to the success of the operation. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HUGH J. GAFFEY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

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