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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 posthumously to:

First Lieutenant RUFUS H GARRETT, 0339882, Infantry, United States Army, ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During the afternoon of 11 June 1944, First Lieutenant GARRETT, S-2, 2d Battalion, ** Infantry Regiment, in the vicinity of ETIENVILLE, FRANCE, was with the very foremost elements of his battalion observing enemy positions. Seizing an opportunity to advance our forces, he took command of a group of riflemen and in complete disregard for his own safety and above and beyond the call of duty he lead them forward under intensive enemy machine-gun and machine-pistol fire. By his heroic action and inspiring devotion to duty, he and his group succeeded in capturing several of the enemy and bayonetting several others. While still under intensive enemy fire from a very short range, he interrogated the prisoners in French with a view to determining the location of other enemy troops in that immediate vicinity. While so engaged, he was killed by enemy mortar fire. The outstanding leadership of Lieutenant GARRETT, his heroism and devotion to duty above and beyond that required of him as a Battalion S-2 inspired his troops to close with the enemy, and was greatly responsible for advancing the attack.

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 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel JEAN RETHORET (Nom de Guerre - Andre Bilbano), French Army, attached Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 1 August 1944.

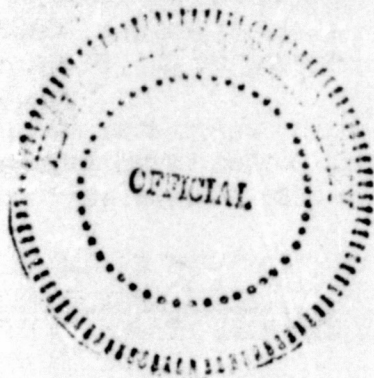
Captain HANS H MARECHAL, 01121116, Infantry, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at PONTTHIVY, FRANCE on 5 August 1944.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HUGH J. GAFFEY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
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