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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross
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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 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant WARDIE BARNETT, 15011532, Cavalry, ** Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized), 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy at AVRILLE, FRANCE. On 8 August 1944 the supply section of the ** Reconnaissance Troop was bringing up fuel and rations to the forward units. A strong enemy pocket of resistance was encountered and the leading armored vehicle was blown up by a mine, throwing members of the crew to the roadway where they lay wounded and unconscious. At the risk of his life, Sergeant BARNETT courageously ran forward from his own vehicle through a hail of enemy fire to give aid to his comrades. Observing that the gunner was pinned in the turret of the armored vehicle, Sergeant BARNETT sprang to his assistance and with the aid of another enlisted man endeavored to extricate him. With complete disregard for enemy fire they bravely continued their efforts until the gunner was killed by enemy fire. Sergeant BARNETT then assisted in carrying the other wounded men from the roadway to a place of safety. The gallant, unselfish heroism of Sergeant Barnett, his courage, and his tenacity of purpose exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade VINCENT J HUGHES, 33600563, Cavalry, ** Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized), 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy at AVRILLE, FRANCE. On 8 August 1944 the supply section of the ** Reconnaissance Troop was bringing up fuel and rations to the forward units. A strong enemy pocket of resistance was encountered and the leading armored vehicle was blown up by a mine, throwing members of the crew to the roadway where they lay wounded and unconscious. At the risk of his life, Technician Fifth Grade HUGHES courageously ran forward from his own vehicle through a hail of enemy fire to give aid to his comrades. Observing that the gunner was pinned in the turret of the armored vehicle, Technician Fifth Grade HUGHES sprang to his assistance and with the aid of another enlisted man endeavored to extricate him. With complete disregard for their own safety they bravely continued their efforts until the gunner was killed by enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade HUGHES then assisted in carrying the other wounded men from the roadway to a place of safety. The gallant, unselfish heroism of Technician Fifth Grade HUGHES, his courage, and his tenacity of purpose exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 32, Hq **WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS BRANCH**, D.O. 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) **RALPH R HYLEN**, 36184072, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army (then Headquarters Company, Seventh United States Army). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the **SICILIAN CAMPAIGN** from 10 July 1943 to 17 August 1943. **RECEIVED SECTION STAFF FILES**

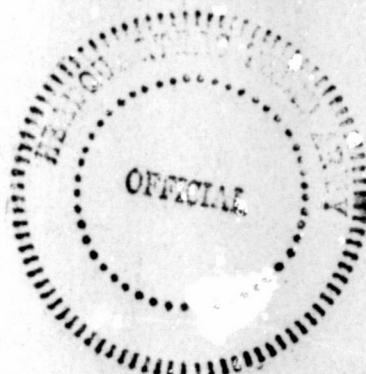
Technician Fourth Grade **JAMES M POMEROY**, 6967274, Cavalry, Troop "C", ** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in **FRANCE** from 3 August 1944 to 20 August 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade **WILMER D MECK**, 33246558, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army (then Headquarters Company, Seventh United States Army). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the **SICILIAN CAMPAIGN** from 10 July 1943 to 17 August 1943.

Technician Fifth Grade **FRANCIS J O'CONNOR**, 32289409, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army (then Headquarters Company, Seventh United States Army). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the **SICILIAN CAMPAIGN** from 10 July 1943 to 17 August 1943.

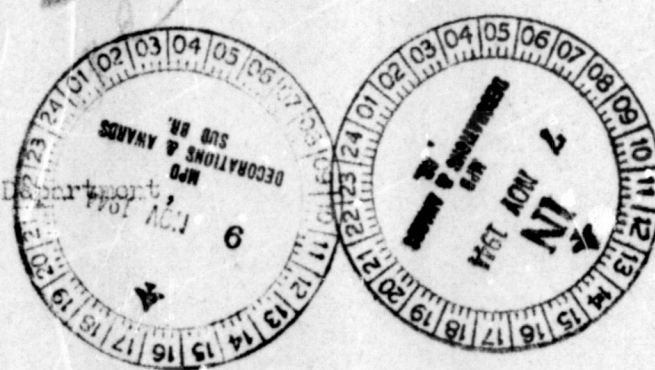
Technician Fifth Grade **EDWARD G DUNCAN**, 31125313, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army (then Headquarters Company, Seventh United States Army). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the **SICILIAN CAMPAIGN** from 10 July 1943 to 17 August 1943.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

R. B. CUMINGS,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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