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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
- II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS).
- III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).
- IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant Donald C. Mills, 01178898, Field Artillery, 230th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 22 November 1944, in Germany, Lieutenant Mills, as a forward artillery observer, led his party into an enemy-held town and established his observation post on the third floor of a building. When his position was observed by the enemy, he was subjected to heavy tank and mortar fire and was painfully wounded. Ordering the other members of his party to a lower floor, Lieutenant Mills continued directing fire upon the enemy, eventually calling for fire so close to his own position that his observation post was hit by friendly fire. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Mills reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Serv-

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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First Lieutenant Raymond A. Metcalfe, 01165424, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 1 November 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Melvin R. Zeigler, 01178673, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 14 December 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

~~AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.~~ By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 35, 25 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Lieutenant Chester Kessler, 01165424, Corps of Engineers, 1961st Engineer Detachment, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of participation in aerial flight from 1 November 1944 to 23 February 1945.

10ian Third Grade Charles E. Love, 29029604, Signal Corps, 107th Signal Company, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 24 February 1945 in Germany.

Private First Class Alcide O. Fulton, 34631961, Ordnance Department, 483rd Ordnance Evacuation Company, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 17 June 1944 in France.

Award revoked by 6041 22-30 Mar 45
Private First Class Gorman J. Moherter, 34328833, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for wounds received in action on 2 July 1944 in France.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



Colonel, AGO, Adjutant General.

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