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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, U. S. Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Captain Graham V. Chamblae, O-415734, Infantry, 13th Infantry Regiment, United States Army for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 24 August 1944, near Brest, France, Captain Chamblae led his Company in an assault on Hill 88, a heavily fortified enemy position. While under a devastating enemy artillery and mortar barrage, with machine gun and small arms fire enfilading the slope, Captain Chamblae was informed that one of his platoon leaders had been wounded. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Captain Chamblae boldly fought his way through intense opposition and carried the wounded man to safety. Although being wounded himself in the performance of this courageous act, he refused medical attention and returned to his men. When he and two of his men were completely cut off and asked to surrender, he refused and opened fire with his carbine, killing two Germans and shooting a way out for himself and his two men. As the advance continued, Captain Chamblae moved to a forward observation post from which he directed artillery that repulsed three major counter-attacks. Only after the objective was secure and

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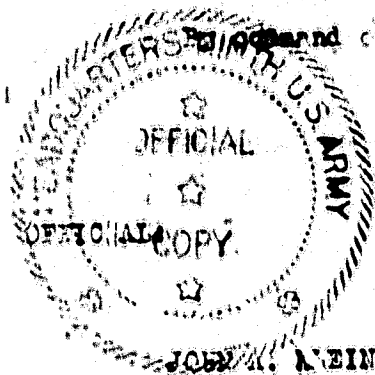
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his wounded men treated would he himself accept first aid. His cool-headed, calculating leadership, and courageous actions, which were largely responsible for the ultimate capture of Hill 88, reflect great credit upon himself and the entire military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

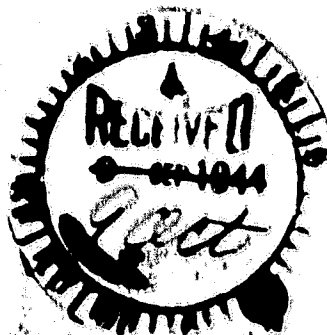


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