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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, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

Captain Billy J. DaVault, 01310415, Infantry, 46th Armored Infantry Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. With the mission of securing a bridgehead across a canal, Captain DaVault led his company into a town under heavy enemy fire where they captured, killed and wounded a number of the enemy. Since the bridge was destroyed, Captain DaVault led a platoon across the top span of the bridge, hand over hand. When enemy fire increased, he dropped into the water and swam the rest of the way. Upon reaching the shore he set up a defense which enabled another platoon to cross and secure the site. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain DaVault reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Horace K. Ward, 01321667, Infantry, 46th Armored Infantry Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. When a canal bridge was blown up by the enemy, Lieutenant Ward undaunted and in the face of enemy fire, crossed the span of the bridge hand over hand to the opposite side. Advancing aggressively at great personal risk, Lieutenant Ward single-handedly destroyed an enemy machine-gun nest with hand grenades, taking several prisoners. Inspired by his actions, Lieutenant Ward's platoon followed across the damaged bridge successfully establishing a bridgehead. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Ward reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant Sennie L. Warren, 01822647, Infantry, 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Although making a perfect target for the enemy, Lieutenant Warren fearlessly manned the machine gun on the tank on which he was riding and killed a small number of the enemy. When the company commander was seriously wounded, Lieutenant Warren assumed command and began forming defensive positions. In spite of sniper fire directed at him, Lieutenant Warren moved among the men seeing that the wounded were cared for, reorganized the numerical set-up of the platoons and in view of a possible enemy counterattack, cleared a building for use as a command post. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Warren reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant Archibald A. Farrar, 0554147, Infantry, 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 April 1945. Although under heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Farrar took over the machine-gun on the tank on which he was riding when the gunner was wounded. From this position he fired at the enemy with the machine gun and a carbine, accounting for the destruction of several enemy emplacements. When the tank stopped, Lieutenant Farrar set

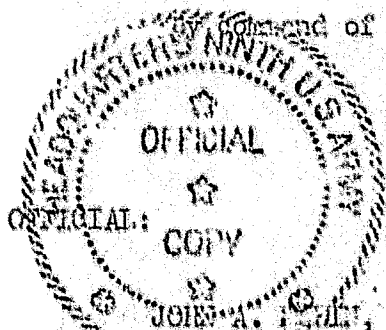
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up defense positions and sent out combat patrols. Lieutenant Farrar eliminated an enemy panzerfaust team by killing the entire crew with pistol fire. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Farrar reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Leonard V. Reppart, 37226295, (then Corporal), Cavalry, 82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in France on 23 August 1944. Upon arriving at the top of a cliff, Sergeant Reppart discovered a road junction and two enemy self-propelled guns mounted on tank chassis. Just before reaching the guns, Sergeant Reppart discovered their crews in the wood. Firing a rifle grenade into their midst, he wounded two and forced the surrender of seven of the enemy. Later, Sergeant Reppart and two other men engaged in a vicious fight with a platoon of the enemy at point blank range. During the ensuing battle, Sergeant Reppart personally killed ten and captured eight of the enemy. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Reppart reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Jackson J. James, 39012246, Infantry, 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 April 1945. When the tank in which he had been riding was damaged by enemy fire, Private James dismounted and killed an enemy machine gunner with rifle fire. After administering first aid to a wounded man, he then mounted the damaged tank, reloaded for help and manned the turret machine gun. When another tank ran out of ammunition, Private James ordered the damaged and now burning tank, removed its ammunition and returned to an exposed position in order to direct the fire of the other vehicles. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Private James reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

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