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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross. SECTION II - Award of Silver Star.

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 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Private First Class GILBERT VAN EVERY, 39831209, Company "D", 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 20 December 1944, during fierce action near BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, Private First Class VAN EVERY'S plateon of the 506th Parachute Infanty was pinned down by strong enemy forces. Courageously moving his light machine-gun to a position in front of his plateon, Private First Class VAN EVERY delivered a deadly stream of fire which disorganized the enemy attack and permitted his companions to establish firing positions. There against repeated counterattacks and although the focus for concentrated fire, he held his exposed position and with skillful, deadly fire inflicted tremendous losses upon the enemy. The fearloss determination Private First Class VAN EVERY displayed and his courageous, heroic devotion to duty examplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private GORDON E HUGGINS, 17176869, Company "K", 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 7 December 1944, in SAARLAUTERN, GERMANY, Private HUGGINS and four companions were engaged in clearing ammunition and explosive from the cellar of a newly taken building which was to be used as a command post. He picked up a grenade with a defective fuse mechanism, fully arming it. There were two windows in the cellar, and realising that the explosion would probably kill his companions he acted with split-second decision. Shouting a warning to his comrades he ran to a corner, turned his back to the men and held the grenade between his legs until it exploded, hurling him to the floor. His hand was severed and he suffered severe fragment wounds, but by his extraordinary courage he prevented injury to his companions. Private HUGGINS' supreme, unselfish devotion to duty exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Captain DONALD D DONAHUE, 04,08046, Infantry, Company "L", 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE, During offensive operations against the enemy on 13 November 1944, in

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the vicinity of WUISSE, FRANCE, Captain DONAHUE led his infantry company in an attack through a wooded area which was heavily defended by enemy infantry supported by self-propelled guns. Braving intense fire Captain DOW.HUE skilfully deployed his men who, inspired by his bold fearless leadership, overran the positions. His heroic determination and the courageous devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain KENNETH P DUNN, Oll67821, Field Artillery, 333d Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GENLANY. On 16 April 1945, Captain DUNN was a member of a small party on a reconnaissance mission near GREIZ, GENMANY. Upon detecting a group of fifteen of the enemy, the Captain, another officer and a driver went forward and captured them. While disarming the prisoners, Captain .DUNN and his companions were fired upon by a large force of the enemy and the driver was severely wounded. Without hesitation the Captain ran to their vehicle which was in full view of the enemy and backed it to where the wounded driver lay. In this action he was severely wounded himself but he drove the vehicle until he was too weak to continue on. Captain DUNN'S courageous, unselfish devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

First Sergeant JOHN H CLAY, 34047158, Headquarters Battery, 333d Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERLAY. On 5 April 1945, Sergeant CLAY was a member of a reconnaissance party that was engaged by a large German force near WUTHA, GLIMANY. When the gunner at a fifty caliber machine-gunner was hit, Sergeant CLAY, completely disregarding his own safety, took the gunner's position and in full view of the enemy continued effective fire until the gun was damaged. Sorgoant CLAY then went to the assistance of his wounded commanding officer and after rendering first aid voluntarily effected a perilous escape through the enemy ring to bring aid. The initiative and courageous devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service

By command of General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY, Major General, U. S. Arm.y, Chief of Staff.

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