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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETC US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETC US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant JOHN W DEAL, 0306349, Infantry, Company "E", 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. On 4 January 1945, an attack launched by Lieutenant DEAL'S battalion near MANDE-ST. ETIENNE, BELGIUM, was halted by intense enemy fire short of its objective. Lieutenant DEAL boldly led his reserve company in a bayonet assault up an open, snow-covered slope and succeeded in reaching the edge of a woods. There, when his company was pinned down by machine gun fire he advanced alone and destroyed a machine gun nest, killing the crew with hand grenades. He charged a second gun but was killed by enemy fire. Lieutenant DEAL'S heroic action lives on as an inspiration to his men. The courage he displayed, his fearless determination and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

First Lieutenant ROBERT L FRENCH, 0540215, Infantry, Company "A", 51st Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During the advance of the 4th Armored Division near SINSPELT, GERMANY, Lieutenant FRENCH personally led his company in action against the enemy. With no thought of his own safety he constantly exposed himself to heavy fire, inspiring his men by his fearless leadership. During action near RITTERSDORF he led his small task force in a bold assault against overwhelming forces and captured eight hundred prisoners. While advancing through a wooded area ahead of his men Lieutenant FRENCH was mortally wounded, and in his last moments gave final instructions to his platoon leaders to continue the assault. His heroism lives on as an inspiration to his comrades. The courageous determination he displayed and his supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant CLIFFORD C TURNER, 33902701, Headquarters Company, 10th Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During the advance of leading elements of the 4th Armored Division near ULMEN, GERMANY, Sergeant TURNER went forward with a reconnaissance platoon to determine the size of the enemy force. Upon reaching the town his platoon was fired upon and Sergeant TURNER was wounded. Despite his wounds he continued to lead the patrol. When his men were again fired upon by a group of the enemy at point blank range, Sergeant TURNER deliberately threw himself in front of another soldier who was in the line of machine pistol fire and was killed by the first burst. The supreme, unselfish devotion to duty he displayed in giving his life for his comrade is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

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Staff Sergeant CLEMENS G NOLDAU, 35152919, Company "F", 2d Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of DIEKIRCH, LUXEMBOURG, assaulting elements were halted by intense enemy fire. Sergeant NOLDAU, with complete disregard for his own safety crawled forward over exposed terrain towards the enemy position to give artillery fire directions, and while advancing was killed by enemy fire. His conspicuous heroism lives on as an inspiration to his comrades. The fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class ROY W SMITH, 33426812, Company "G", 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During offensive action near MOYENVIC, FRANCE, on 8 November 1944, Private Smith, an ammunition bearer, observed a comrade fall wounded at his machine gun. Without hesitation he crawled forward under intense direct fire, gained the position and opened fire upon the enemy. His heroic action permitted assault units to advance and seize their objectives. He administered first aid to the wounded gunner and remained at the gun firing at other targets. During subsequent action Private SMITH was wounded but he continued to man the gun until he was wounded a second time, mortally. His heroism lives on as an inspiration to his comrades. The courageous devotion to duty he displayed is in keeping with the finest traditions of the service.

Private CHARLES H SCHRODER, 6908404, Company "F", 2d Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. During the initial stages of an attack across the Sauer River near the village of INGELDORF, LUXEMBOURG, on 18 January 1945, Private SCHRODER, an automatic rifleman, was wounded by small arms fire. He refused evacuation and remained in action laying down a continuous base of fire on which his platoon maneuvered. He constantly exposed himself to heavy fire in order to divert the enemy and continued in action until he was killed by artillery fire. Private SCHRODER'S heroism remains as a constant inspiration to his comrades. The determination and 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 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM E DEPUY, 0410595, Infantry, 1st Battalion, 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 13 March 1945, Colonel DEPUY, commanding an infantry battalion, was charged with the mission of crossing the Moselle River at LOF, GERMANY, and securing the town of BRODENBACH. He personally made a reconnaissance under fire to choose a crossing site, and when the attack was launched, led his men across the river under intense fire inspiring them by his bold, fearless leadership. Following Colonel DEPUY, the troops charged up a precipitous slope through the enemy defenses and swept on to take the town. The determination he displayed; his heroic leadership and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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Captain HERBERT H HARDY, 01308333, Infantry, Company "F", 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During the period 10 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, Captain HARDY distinguished himself by the skillful, courageous leadership he displayed while commanding his company in action. He was constantly in the lead, inspiring his men by his bold, fearless example. Captain HARDY'S many heroic achievements undertaken with complete disregard for his own safety were important contributions to the successful operations of his battalion. His fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain (Captain) EDWARD H. HARRISON, 0529896, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters 302d Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During the period 20 January to 6 February 1945, Chaplain HARRISON repeatedly distinguished himself by his heroic devotion to duty. During fierce fighting in the SAAR-MOSELLE area he was constantly with foremost assaulting units, braving intense enemy fire to aid in evacuating wounded men. Without thought of his own safety he entered dangerous mine fields to remove casualties and organized and led litter-bearer teams through artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His complete devotion to duty was a constant inspiration to those with whom he served. His heroic achievements and the courage he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant RICHARD D MANNING, 01298563, Infantry, 2d Battalion, 513th Parachute Infantry, 17th Airborne Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During fierce action near WANDE-ST. ETIENNE, BELGIUM, on 4 January 1945, an attack launched by Lieutenant MANNING'S battalion was stopped by heavy fire short of its objective. Without hesitation Lieutenant MANNING led his platoon in a daring bayonet charge up an open snow covered hill into the edge of a woods, then advanced alone against an enemy fortification. He assaulted the position and killed its six defenders. Again in the lead of his platoon he successfully attacked two German machine gun nests and although wounded continued on for six hundred yards to the battalion objective. The fearless, inspiring leadership Lieutenant MANNING displayed and his courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM J HONAN, 01324885, Infantry, Company "M", 302d Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During fierce action near LAMPADEN, GERMANY on 6 - 7 March 1945, Lieutenant HONAN commanded a machine gun platoon. When overwhelming enemy forces cut off two of his gun sections, Lieutenant HONAN, with complete disregard for his own safety stood in an exposed position and fired a machine gun from his hip, pinning down the attacking German forces while his men withdrew to new positions. Under intense sniper fire he maneuvered to another position and again exposed himself to cover his men. The following morning during another counterattack he personally manned a mortar, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy, inspiring his men by his bold, fearless leadership. The determination and courageous devotion to duty Lieutenant HONAN displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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Technical Sergeant JAMES T CHAPMAN, 32232577, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 302d Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 7 March 1945, Sergeant CHAPMAN manned an anti-tank gun against attacking enemy tanks near LIMPADEN, GERMANY. He courageously held his position under heavy fire until his ammunition was exhausted, then obtained a rocket launcher and continued the fight from a nearby house. He knocked out four German tanks with rocket fire, then organized a squad and led them in a fierce assault against attacking infantry who had infiltrated into adjacent buildings. Inspired by Sergeant CHAPMAN'S bold leadership, the squad eliminated the entire enemy group. The fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant BENJAMIN R EASTBURN, 39468585, Company "C", 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. During action near WALTZ, LUXEMBOURG, on 29 December 1944, an attacking platoon of Company "C", 104th Infantry was pinned down by intense enemy fire. Sergeant EASTBURN assumed command of another platoon and led it forward to the flank of the enemy position. In advance of his men, braving intense fire he fearlessly crawled forward against an opposing machine gun emplacement and hurled a grenade into it, destroying the gun and forcing the crew to surrender. His heroic action permitted the company to advance. The determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant SAMUEL A ROWLAND, 38534662, Company "K", 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 13 January 1945, Sergeant ROWLAND'S company occupied positions near NOTHUM, LUXEMBOURG. When the company was subjected to heavy automatic weapons fire from concealed enemy positions, Sergeant ROWLAND went forward alone to make a reconnaissance. He discovered the enemy dug in behind a hedgerow, and while their attention was diverted by rifle fire from the company positions he fearlessly worked his way behind them. He boldly rushed the position, destroyed the automatic weapons, killed four of the enemy and took prisoner the remaining two. Sergeant ROWLAND through his fearless determination removed a serious threat from his company front. His achievements and his courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

Sergeant JAMES I HOPPE, 36778847, Company "B", 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During action near HOLLNICH, GERMANY, on 8 February 1945, an attacking infantry company was halted by heavy observed enemy artillery and mortar fire directed from a fortified house. Sergeant HOPPE, carrying a machine gun in his arms, boldly assaulted the house, firing as he advanced through intense fire directed against him. When he reached the building his machine gun ammunition was exhausted, but without hesitating he drew his pistol and fearlessly entered the house, forcing the occupants to surrender. His heroic action wrested from the enemy a strategic communication center and permitted his company to advance. The fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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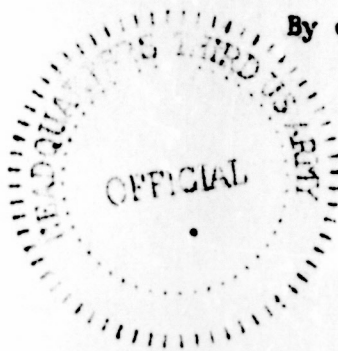
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Private First Class THOMAS E ANKESHEILN, JR, 38502334, Company "G", 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. During an attack by his company near LONGWILLY, BELGIUM, on 16 January 1945, Private ANKESHEILN was wounded. He continued on without pausing for medical aid and was again wounded by a heavy concentration of fire which killed the radio operator and destroyed the radio. Realizing the importance of maintaining liaison he refused evacuation and stayed with his company in his capacity as the commander's runner. Private ANKESHEILN was wounded a third time by a sniper's bullet but again he would not accept evacuation. He killed the sniper and stayed in action with his company until the mission was completed. The fearless determination this soldier displayed and his courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class WILLIAM H RATLIFF, 35613694, Medical Detachment, 51st Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During an assault crossing of the Kyll River near ERDORF, GERMANY, on 26 - 27 February, Private RATLIFF was the only aid man available to evacuate and care for the wounded of his company. Hoodless of his own safety he repeatedly braved intense enemy fire to give aid to his comrades. While advancing through a heavy barrage of automatic fire Private RATLIFF was wounded, but he continued on until all of the casualties were evacuated. The fearless determination he displayed, his courage and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private ROBERT L PRESSER, 39468010, Company "K", 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On the night of 27 December 1944, Private PRESSER was a member of a nine man patrol that made a daring crossing of the Sure River, LUXEMBOURG and infiltrated behind enemy lines. When one of the members was hit in the chest by enemy fire Private PRESSER carried him back to the river bank only to find that the assault boats had been destroyed. Without hesitation he plunged into the icy, sleet-whipped river, towing his wounded comrade, and battled his way under enemy fire to the friendly shore. The courage and supreme devotion to duty Private PRESSER displayed distinguishes him as an outstanding soldier. His heroic, unselfish action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

By command of General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
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