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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

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 Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Technical Sergeant PAUL W SHANNON, 2064791B, Company B, 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 30 November 1944, during a vicious enemy attack at ST BARBARA GERMANY when his company was isolated from supporting troops, Sergeant SHANNON volunteered to lead a combat patrol to contact friendly troops. Leading his men with fearless courage, he alone assaulted and killed an enemy machine gun crew impeding the mission, and formed his patrol for an ambush that annihilated a large enemy patrol. On 10 December 1944, at FRAULAUTERN GERMANY, Sergeant SHANNON again demonstrated his indomitable leadership and fortitude when he deliberately exposed himself to draw fire from concealed enemy armor which had halted his company's advance. After stalking and eliminating an enemy sniper who was inflicting casualties among his men, Sergeant SHANNON again exposed himself and was successful in locating the enemy strongpoint before sustaining fatal wounds from enemy fire. His gallant, unselfish courage, intrepid leadership and perfovid devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and 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 Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Private First Class ROBERT L CHAPMAN, 37551712, Company I, 301st Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 22 February 1945, during the initial assault on the Saar River in GERMANY, Private CHAPMAN, serving as an automatic rifleman, advanced ahead of his squad and personally cleared and secured the squad's objective. This position soon became untenable since adjacent squads failed to reach their objectives. Private CHAPMAN again went out alone to provide harassing fire to cover the withdrawal of the squad with the wounded. After withdrawing to an anti-tank ditch, Private CHAPMAN directed rocket fire on an enemy machine gun

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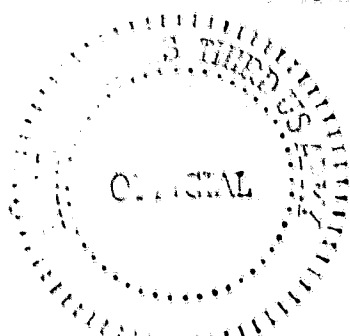
position and destroyed it. In rapid succession, an enemy sniper, three enemy riflemen, and an enemy non-commissioned officer directing his men on private CHAPMAN'S position, fell under the devastating fire he maintained. In spite of repeated enemy thrusts he held the position until forced to withdraw by enemy grenade fire. In seeking cover, Private CHAPMAN was painfully wounded by fire from two enemy with automatic weapons, but persevered and with a final gallant action, killed the two enemy. Before crawling back for medical care, he oriented a squad ~~ambur~~ outlined a plan which was successful in obtaining the objective. His fearless courage and fervid devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

11. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. 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:

Second Lieutenant CHARLES H. ORR, 01535610, Chemical Warfare Service, Company A, 95th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 29 April 1945, while serving as Forward Observer and Liaison Officer with the 95th Chemical Mortar Battalion, Lieutenant ORR accompanied a reconnaissance party, including an infantry battalion commander, to ascertain the utility of a bridge across the Amber Canal at INKOFEN, GERMANY. As the party approached the bridge, Lieutenant ORR observed two enemy soldiers preparing to detonate demolition charges to destroy the bridge. Unhesitatingly he dashed forward and killed the two enemy with pistol fire. He then crossed the bridge alone, established an observation post and directed effective covering fire to allow the infantry to take up positions to hold the bridge intact. Lieutenant ORR'S outstanding courage, quick thinking and loyal devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:

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Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
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