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NUMBER 129 AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

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 posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant HAROLD D DOUGLAS, 34882190, Company L, 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During an attack against KERZELL, GERMANY, on 3 April 1945, when Sergeant DOUGLAS' company was halted by a blown bridge, he volunteered to reconnoiter a crossing site. After crossing the stream he came under direct fire from an enemy machinegun and advanced alone to silence it. Maneuvering carefully he made his way to within fifty yards of the emplacement then boldly dashed the remaining distance across exposed terrain and killed the gun crew with a hand grenade. Sergeant DOUGLAS returned to his unit and guided it across the stream, but he was killed by sniper fire as he entered the town. The fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant JACOB M PETER, 36445496, Company B, 385th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During an attack against the town of LANDSCHEID, GERMANY, on 8 March 1945, Sergeant PETER'S platoon was cut off and encircled by the enemy. Defending the left flank of the position with eleven men he successfully repelled repeated enemy counterattacks for seven hours, inspiring and encouraging his men by his bold, fearless leadership. Disregarding his own safety he continually exposed himself to enemy fire, and on one occasion he braved withering fire to drag a wounded comrade to safety. Sergeant PETER was killed while driving off an enemy tank with rifle and grenade fire. The fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant JAMES A VANHOOSER, 34526848, Company C, 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During action near BRUTDORF, GERMANY, on 16 March 1945, Sergeant VANHOOSER'S company was subjected to an enemy air attack. When one of his comrades was stunned by an exploding bomb and lay exposed to strafing fire, Sergeant VANHOOSER, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran to the man and covered him with his own body. He was hit and later died from his wounds, but his unselfish heroism lives on as an inspiration to the men with whom he served. Sergeant VANHOOSER'S courageous sacrifice is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant JOHN R MANTVILLE, 31091711, Company I, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. on 5 March 1945,

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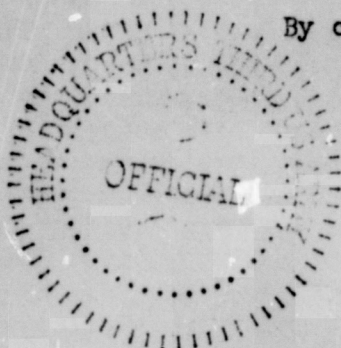
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Sergeant MANTVILLE'S company attacked to seize high ground east of WEILERSWIST, GERMANY. The enemy counterattacked in force, pinning down the company with intense automatic fire, threatening both flanks. Against this fire, completely disregarding his own safety, Sergeant MANTVILLE crawled forward towards the enemy positions, armed with a submachinegun and hand grenades. He killed the two Germans in the first position with a hand grenade, then fearlessly charged a second machinegun, firing as he advanced. He destroyed the gun and killed the three defenders but was himself fatally wounded by an exploding mine. Even then this courageous soldier would not permit his comrades to expose themselves to come to his aid. The heroic determination and supreme devotion to duty Sergeant MANTVILLE displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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* Private First Class LEO W SATTERFIELD, 33886424, Company K, 385th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During an attack against Siegfried Line positions near TREB, GERMANY, on 20 February 1945, Private SATTERFIELD boldly led his squad in a successful assault upon an enemy machinegun position which had been harrasing his platoon. When fire from a pill box impeded the advance, he volunteered to go forward and reduce the position. He deliberately exposed himself to draw fire and pinpoint the enemy location, then advanced from the flank and reduced the pill box with grenade and rifle fire. Private SATTERFIELD was killed by artillery fire, but his heroism lives on as an inspiration to his comrades. His courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



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