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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 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:

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM W MASTERS, 6285081, Company K, 358th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 21 March 1945, during an assault against BRETZENHEIM, GERMANY, Sergeant MASTERS' platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. Accompanied by an automatic rifleman, Sergeant MASTERS started forward to silence the gun. The rifleman was hit but the intrepid Sergeant continued on alone, worming his way forward under a hail of fire. He hurled a hand grenade into the enemy position and killed the gunner, killed the assistant gunner when he attempted to take over the gun and the noncommissioned officer in charge when he tried to rally his men. Leaderless and demoralized by Sergeant MASTERS' bold assault the rest of the enemy crew surrendered to him. Sergeant MASTERS' heroic action permitted his platoon to advance and seize the town. The fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the service.

Private First Class JOHN T CLEMENTS, 13186396, Company B, 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On the night of 23 January 1945, in the town of BINSFIELD, LUXEMBOURG, when his company was counterattacked by Germany infantry supported by tanks and an 88mm gun, Private CLEMENTS left the cover of a building and knocked out the enemy gun with bazooka fire. He continued the fight until all the defenders but himself and a comrade were killed or wounded, then armed only with a pistol, he boldly advanced against a German machine gun nest. Private CLEMENTS was killed by enemy fire as he neared the position, but his heroic devotion to duty, in keeping with the highest traditions of the service, lives on as an inspiration to his comrades.

Private MARC C DAUBER, 32694428, Company L, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During action near HAMICH, GERMANY, on 13 November 1944, Private DAUBER assumed command of his platoon when the platoon and squad leaders became casualties. He led a group of men into the town, silenced a German machine gun with a grenade, courageously advanced alone on a second machine gun nest and eliminated that position with rifle fire. He continued to lead his men until nightfall when the enemy counterattacked and surrounded his platoon. Although seriously wounded he defended his position with heroic determination against overwhelming odds until he was killed. Private DAUBER'S inspirational leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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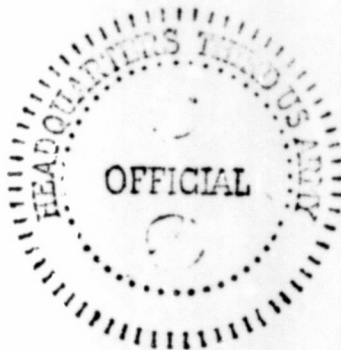
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2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the award of a Distinguished Service Cross to the following named officers on 30 May 1945 is announced:

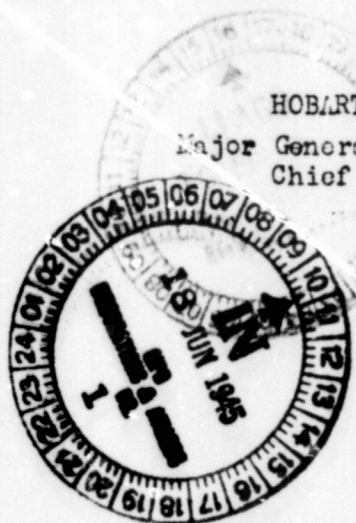
Brigadier General JAMES S RODWELL, 09663, United States Army, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army. JAMES S RODWELL, 09663, Brigadier General, United States Army, 4th Infantry Division, while a member of the armed forces of the United States distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of ADENAU and RIFFERSHEID, GERMANY, 8 and 9 March 1945. A task force under the leadership of General RODWELL initiated an advance, crossing a river which had thwarted similar previous attempts, and penetrated swiftly and deeply into enemy territory. The force, animated by his vigorous leadership, eliminated each enemy point of resistance and deftly surmounted each obstacle which the retreating Germans had left in their wake. He personally and on foot led his command group through an enemy occupied town at night while devoid of any support or assistance from combat troops. General RODWELL'S outstanding personal courage and aggressive leadership are in accord with the highest military traditions.

Colonel JAMES H PHILLIPS, 10331, Cavalry, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 7 March 1945, when the bridge at REMAGEN, GERMANY, was seized intact, Colonel PHILLIPS ordered an immediate crossing and exploitation of the tactical advantage and proceeded to the area to personally direct operations. Although repeatedly exposed to intense enemy small arms and artillery fire and subjected to constant enemy air attack he courageously continued his direct supervision and inspired the troops in the bridgehead area by his cool bravery and utter disregard for his own safety. Colonel PHILLIPS' heroic actions and intrepid leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



R. E. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Adjutant General.



HOBERT R. GAY,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Chief of Staff.

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