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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:

Second Lieutenant RAYMOND E BROADBENT, 02010349, Infantry, 718th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 16 February 1945, while advancing as a scout ahead of his company during action near KOENIG, GERMANY, Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) BROADBENT was fired upon by a number of enemy troops occupying dug-in positions. He courageously assaulted one position, killing two enemy soldiers, charged towards an 88mm gun, killing one of the crew and wounding the other and then fearlessly advanced through the direct fire on an enemy machine gun emplacement, killed or captured the crew and forced the remainder of the enemy to surrender. Lieutenant BROADBENT'S heroic actions enabled his company to advance without a single casualty. His aggressiveness and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR D WEBBER, 36759468, 385th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 4 March 1945, while digging a shelter near EFFLINGER, GERMANY, a fragmentation grenade dropped from Sergeant WEBBER'S pocket and became ignited. Fearlessly picking up the grenade, he shouted a warning to his comrades, and realizing that to throw it in any direction would cause casualties, clasped it to his chest and attempted to run as far as possible from the crowded area. The resulting explosion killed him instantly but his intrepid, unselfish action saved the lives of many of his comrades. Sergeant WEBBER'S gallant heroism and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade JESSE V DAVIS, 54192912, 86th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 30 November 1944, near HAUT-BAS, FRANCE, Technician Fifth Grade DAVIS discovered the approach of a strong enemy patrol, ordered the three men assisting him in the establishment of an outpost to withdraw and warn their unit, and fearlessly faced the attacking enemy alone. He fought ferociously with sub-machine gun and grenades and when his ammunition was expended he gallantly battled the enemy with his empty weapon until killed by the numerically superior forces. Through his courageous, self-sacrificing stand, the enemy patrol was forced to withdraw with heavy losses and his troop was warned of an impending attack. Technician Fifth Grade DAVIS' heroic actions and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to his comrades.

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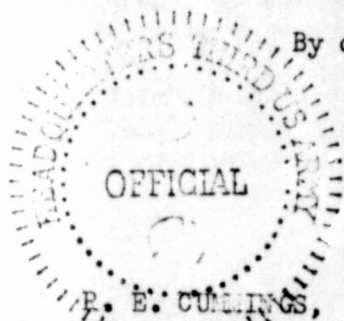
Private First Class WARREN H SHOREY, 42117883, 385th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage near IRREL, GERMANY, on 19 February 1945. Private SHOREY courageously went to the aid of two wounded comrades trapped in an exposed position, placed them in his fox hole, and noticing the enemy shells were landing very close, covered them with his own body. He was killed by a German shell which landed only five feet from his position but his heroic, self-sacrificing actions saved the lives of his comrades. Private SHOREY'S fearless courage and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private MICHAEL J FORTUNA, 6987455, 385th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 21 February 1945, near MENNINGEN, GERMANY, Private FORTUNA constantly exposed himself to intense enemy fire as he carried water, ammunition, and messages to the forward elements of his unit. While attempting to deliver an important message to his company commander he was fatally wounded by artillery fire but courageously crawled forward and relayed the message to a comrade before he died of his wounds. Private FORTUNA'S heroic actions, unswerving determination and supreme devotion to duty 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:

Private First Class JAMES O BIRD, 36 263, Company G, 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. During an attack near RINGEL, LUXEMBOURG, on 26 December 1944, Private BIRD'S company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire emanating from a thickly wooded area. Exhibiting fearless courage, Private BIRD exposed himself to draw fire, located the enemy positions and killed the gunners with rifle fire. As subsequent enemy soldiers attempted to man the guns he coolly picked them off, killing a total of fifteen German soldiers and allowing his company to continue the advance. Private BIRD'S cool, heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

By command of Major General CRAIG:



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