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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:

Corporal ANGELUS M. CHRISTIANA, 31049351, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 18 January 1945, during fierce action near IDESTROFF, LUXEMBOURG, Corporal CHRISTIANA fearlessly exposed himself to intense hostile mortar and artillery fire and led his wire team in establishing vitally needed communications between the battalion command post and the leading rifle company. Although seriously wounded by enemy artillery fire he realized his team was handicapped by other casualties and gallantly continued to aid them in the hazardous operations, aggravating his wounds to such an extent that he died the following day. Corporal CHRISTIANA's heroic actions and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class DONALD C. WIDEMAN, 35055316, Company "L", 10th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 4 December 1944, near LUDWIGER, GERMANY, Private WIDEMAN'S company was pinned down by enemy machine gun, rocket and rifle fire, emanating from heavily fortified positions on high ground. With complete disregard for the overwhelming odds, he courageously led his squad in a gallant attack against the enemy positions in the face of the intense hostile fire. The enemy rocket-launchers and riflemen were pinned down by this aggressive action and Private WIDEMAN single-handedly destroyed the machine gun and its crew, enabling his company to advance and take their objective. Although he received wounds in this action which cost him his life, his indomitable fighting spirit and supreme devotion to duty live on as a constant inspiration to his comrades.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provision 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, Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

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*First Lieutenant GLEN W. HARMAN, 01169113, Field Artillery, Company "A", 635th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 23 April 1945, during a lone reconnaissance in GUTENBERG, GERMANY, Lieutenant HARMAN fearlessly approached an enemy machine gun, killed the gunner and silenced the hostile weapon. When subjected to sniper fire from a nearby house he courageously braved the enemy fire, kicked open the door and fired his weapon into the house until he was fired upon by a second enemy machine gun. Finding his ammunition expended, he ran to his jeep, which had been left outside the town, reloaded the machine gun and aggressively returned the enemy fire, forcing the surrender of a German officer and seven enlisted men. Lieutenant HARMAN'S intrepid gallantry and indomitable fighting spirit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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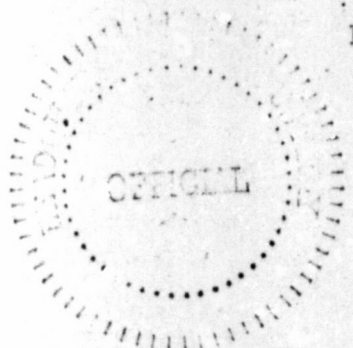
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Second Lieutenant FREDERICK J. GIROUX, 01293676, Infantry, 2d Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 9 October 1944, during action near MERVILLERS, FRANCE, Lieutenant GIROUX fearlessly exposed himself to intense enemy small arms, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire to rescue a number of wounded men. With utter disregard for his own safety he courageously made two lone trips forward in the face of the withering enemy fire and removed a number of wounded men to safety. Inspired by his heroic actions, two other men volunteered to assist in the rescue and returned with a seriously wounded comrade. Lieutenant GIROUX'S indomitable courage and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant FRANK J. MAGNEY, 01061711, Infantry, Company "E", 14th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 1 April 1945, during fierce action near LITENSTADT, GERMANY, Lieutenant MAGNEY disregarded his painful wounds and courageously led his platoon through intense hostile frontal and flanking fire. Inspiring his men by his heroic, indomitable leadership he pressed forward against the enemy and although wounded seriously twice more, continued his gallant, aggressive actions. Lieutenant MAGNEY'S tenacious courage and unflinching devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant JAMES F. BAKER, 37097063, Company "B", 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 28 January 1945, during an attack on enemy positions near WELCHENHAUSEN, GERMANY, when Sergeant (then Private First Class) BAKER'S platoon leader became a casualty, he assumed command, rallied his inexperienced men and courageously led them forward in the face of withering enemy machine gun fire. Fearlessly exposing himself to direct hostile fire he crawled fifty yards towards the enemy machine gun nest, killed several of the crew with rifle-grenades and gallantly leaped to his feet, charged the position and captured the remainder of the enemy crew. Sergeant BAKER'S heroic, aggressive actions and intrepid leadership exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON: ✓



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

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

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