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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 to:

Second Lieutenant HOWARD E. MYERLE, 01042381, Infantry, Company "L", 104th Infantry, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 22 November 1944, during an attack against enemy positions on high ground near MONTDIDIER, FRANCE, Lieutenant MYERLE'S rifle platoon was subjected to murderous enemy automatic weapons, artillery and mortar fire. Although painfully wounded, he dauntlessly ran forward through the heavy concentration of fire and succeeded in silencing one enemy machine gun and wiping out its crew, thereby allowing several wounded comrades pinned down by the machine gun fire to withdraw safely. Lieutenant MYERLE'S intrepid actions and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant BARNEY H. PROSSER, 38089790, Company "I", 359th Infantry, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 4 July 1944, near LAFRY, FRANCE, Sergeant (then Private) PROSSER'S battalion was threatened with disorganization by the loss through enemy action of virtually all of its company officers. Acting on his own initiative, Sergeant PROSSER assumed command of his company and two leaderless platoons of another, and exhibiting heroic leadership and sound tactical judgment, established a coordinated defense which held not only throughout the night but against a heavy enemy counterattack the next morning. When his battalion commander became a casualty, he fearlessly assumed this additional responsibility, employing the troops along the entire battalion front to repulse the hostile assault and lead them to their objective. Sergeant PROSSER'S dauntless courage and loyal, unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS E. MARTIN, 39007311, Company "G", 506th Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. On 12 January 1945, near NOVILLE, BELGIUM, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) MARTIN led an inspired defense of a small machine gun outpost against a heavy assault by a company of enemy infantry, supported by artillery and tank fire. Facing the overwhelming odds with unflinching courage, he personally accounted for several enemy dead, and so efficiently coordinated the defensive actions of his isolated party, that by dawn 60 of the hostile attackers had been killed, the enemy armor repulsed and the assault completely turned back. Sergeant MARTIN'S tenacity and zealous, heroic leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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Staff Sergeant CLARENCE E. WHITE, 15064690, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 19 August 1944, when friendly infantry was pinned down during an attack upon CHARTRES, FRANCE, Sergeant WHITE courageously went forward to establish an artillery observation post and direct fire against the strongly held enemy positions. Constantly exposed to withering, direct fire from hostile 20mm and 40mm antiaircraft guns, he fearlessly remained at his post and although wounded, continued to report vital information until he collapsed. Through his heroic efforts, friendly elements were able to attain their objective with a minimum of casualties. Sergeant WHITE'S dauntless actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant EDWARD E. FORD, 34255022, Battery "C", 81st Airborne AA Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. On 3 January 1945, when his anti-tank gun position was attacked by fourteen German tanks near LONGCHAMPS, BELGIUM, Sergeant (then Corporal) FORD fearlessly maintained his position in the face of devastating artillery, mortar and tank fire and with cool, accurate fire, disabled seven of the hostile tanks. Although painfully wounded, he continued his aggressive actions until his gun was hit and rendered unserviceable. With heroic tenacity he maintained fire against the approaching enemy with a rocket-launcher and with a BAR. Refusing evacuation during the night, he directed the repair of his gun the next day and fought on until wounded again. Sergeant FORD'S indomitable courage and unflinching devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade REX D. CLARK, 39378566, Company "E", 2d Reconnaissance Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 6 June 1944, Technician CLARK was in command of an amphibious vehicle equipped with an extension ladder mounting three machine guns which was to be used by the assault forces to scale the high cliffs near POINTE du HOE, FRANCE. When it was found that the vehicle could not reach the cliffs because of the rough terrain, Technician CLARK gallantly ordered himself raised on the ladder, and firing his machine guns at the hostile emplacements, effectively diverted the return fire away from the assault troops. Through his intrepid actions, two enemy automatic weapons were neutralized and many of the enemy pinned down, enabling friendly elements to advance on their objective. Technician CLARK'S heroic actions and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON:

ROBERT E. GAY,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Chief of Staff.

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