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By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Captain ARNOLD J CISSNA, 01100486, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 249th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 24 December 1944, as Captain CISSNA'S company was moving through BILSDORF, LUXEMBOURG, they were fired upon by hostile troops. Inspiring his men by his personal example of heroism, Captain CISSNA led a platoon in an attack upon the town, but as the bitter fighting progressed he realized that his forces were greatly outnumbered and that it would be necessary to withdraw. When the enemy launched a vicious counterattack shortly afterward, he courageously elected to remain behind to cover the withdrawal of his men and fought on alone until he was killed. Captain CISSNA'S intrepid leadership and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant JAMES R CARPENTER, 01298823, Infantry, Company L, 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 March 1945, during a night assault crossing of the Main River near RUMPENHEIM, GERMANY, Lieutenant CARPENTER'S company was pinned down by murderous enemy machine gun and artillery fire as they reached the far shore. With utter disregard for his own safety, he moved among his men, reorganizing the platoons and encouraging them to advance in order to prevent heavy casualties. Assuming a position at the head of his attacking forces he waved them on. Although he was killed a few moments later by enemy rocket fire his company, inspired by his heroic example, stormed the enemy positions and completely wiped out the defending force. Lieutenant CARPENTER'S gallant, self-sacrificing leadership and supreme devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

First Lieutenant ALFRED P MC-PETERS, 0352153, Infantry, Company C, 315th Infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 28 August 1944, near SAILLY, FRANCE, Lieutenant MC PETERS' company was pinned down by intense hostile fire emanating from well prepared enemy positions. Exhibiting audacious courage he mounted the lead tank of the supporting armor, directed their fire and deployment from his hazardous position and then fearlessly returned on foot through withering enemy fire to lead his company forward. Although he was killed by enemy fire as he led his men in the attack, his gallant leadership inspired his company in gaining a decisive victory against overwhelming odds. Lieutenant MC PETERS' indomitable heroism and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL N SHAY JR, 37237068, Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in

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connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. On 18 December 1944, when a company of enemy infantry attacked and surrounded the town of LIGERET, BELGIUM, Sergeant SHAY organized a group of men as machine gunners and led them in a spirited defense. When ordered to attempt escape through enemy lines, he courageously volunteered to remain behind and cover the other men in their withdrawal. Although killed in this action, he diverted the attention of the hostile forces long enough to permit his comrades to withdraw safely. Sergeant SHAY'S gallant self-sacrificing actions and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant RALPH F GREEELY, 20722184, Company D, 134th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 19 September 1944, during an attack on well-established enemy positions on Pain de Sucre Hill near AGINCOURT, FRANCE, our troops were pinned down by extremely heavy enemy 88mm, mortar and small arms fire. Seeing that the attack was becoming disorganized, Sergeant GREEELY seized a mounted machine gun and with courageous disregard for his own safety, dragged it to an exposed position from which effective fire could be placed upon the enemy. Although he was mortally wounded before he could rejoin his comrades, his heroic actions permitted them to withdraw with a minimum of casualties. Sergeant GREEELY'S courageous self-sacrifice and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class LEROY S LAW, 35236878, Company B, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 18 April 1945, during an assault on the Zeppelin Bridge near LEIPZIG, GERMANY, Private LAW courageously assumed the initiative and shouting encouragement to his comrades to follow, charged into the murderous fire from hostile defensive forces, firing his rifle as he advanced across the bridge. Faltering momentarily when hit by enemy fire as he reached the far end of the bridge, Private LAW continued on with fierce determination until, wounded mortally, he could go no further. Inspired by his heroic actions his comrades pressed on, killing fifty and capturing more than 300 of the enemy in the bitter fighting which ensued. Private LAW'S gallantry and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces.

By command of General PATTON:

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



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