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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 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant GLENN H GASS; 01315814, Infantry, Company L, 301st Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 24 February 1945, Lieutenant GASS courageously led his platoon in a spirited attack against a strongly fortified enemy position in the Siegfried Line near SERRIG, GERMANY. Wounded in the initial assault, he pressed the attack in the face of withering hostile machine gun fire until wounded a second time. In spite of his wounds, this intrepid officer crawled to a more advantageous position in advance of his assault forces where he continued to direct them until the enemy stronghold was captured and consolidated. Lieutenant GASS' gallant tenacity and heroic leadership resulted in his forces gaining a secure foothold in the Siegfried Line. Although he later died of the wounds received his supreme devotion to duty lives on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Staff Sergeant HENRY A MOEN, 36213663, Company M, 2d Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 23 March 1945, when the enemy launched a fierce tank and infantry night attack against Sergeant MOEN'S machine gun positions near TREBUR, GERMANY, the positions became untenable and he ordered a withdrawal of his men to buildings inside the town. Facing the withering hail of hostile self-propelled artillery and small arms fire with unflinching heroism, this intrepid soldier and two comrades courageously remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Although mortally wounded as he fought on against the overwhelming odds, his self-sacrifice enabled the remainder of the platoon to reach cover without a casualty. Sergeant MOEN'S indomitable courage and unselfish devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Corporal HAROLD DENHAM, 36206385, Company M, 2d Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 23 March 1945, when the enemy launched a fierce tank and infantry night attack against machine gun positions of Corporal DENHAM'S platoon near TREBUR, GERMANY, his unit was ordered to make a withdrawal to more favorable positions inside the town. Facing the withering hail of hostile self-propelled artillery and small arms fire with unflinching heroism, he courageously remained behind with his platoon sergeant to cover the other men. Although mortally wounded as he fought on against the overwhelming odds, the self-sacrifice of this intrepid soldier enabled the remainder of the platoon to withdraw without a casualty. Corporal DENHAM'S indomitable courage and unselfish devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

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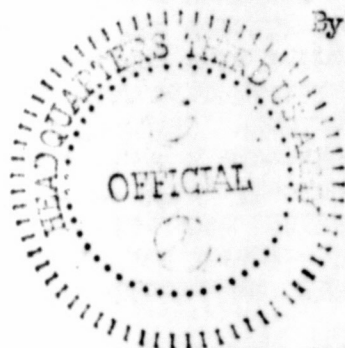
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Private First Class FREDERICK S DE BENEDETTO, 31378669, Company C, 59th Armored Infantry Battalion, 13th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 14 April 1945, when Private DE BENEDETTO'S squad was pinned down by intense hostile machine gun and automatic weapons fire near SCHILDGEN, GERMANY, he voluntarily assumed an exposed position to cover the advance of his comrades across the open area. With cool, heroic defiance, he poured a deadly stream of automatic rifle fire into the hostile positions and so effectively diverted their return fire to himself that his squad and the main body of his platoon were able to cross the exposed area without a casualty. Although killed by sniper fire a few moments later, Private DE BENEDETTO'S intrepid self-sacrifice and supreme devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Private First Class ROY D SAWYER JR, 36382065, Troop B, 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 16 March 1945, Private SAWYER was a member of a patrol attempting to re-establish contact with a friendly platoon in a heavily wooded area near RIOL, GERMANY. As the patrol neared the edge of a clearing, two hostile machine guns opened fire, instantly killing two members of the patrol. Private SAWYER gallantly maintained an exposed position so that he could fire upon the enemy emplacement. Faltering momentarily when fatally wounded in the sharp action which ensued, he continued to pour deadly fire at the hostile machine gun until he had diverted its fire to himself and enabled the remaining members of the patrol to withdraw safely. Private SAWYER'S heroic self-sacrifice and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



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

L. L. MENLY,  
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