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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 to:

Staff Sergeant HAL H. MC COLL, 6899793, Infantry, Company K, 66th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 2 April 1945, during fierce action near LEISENWARD, GERMANY, Sergeant MC COLL, fearlessly exposing himself to intense enemy fire, crawled to an enemy position and re-captured a truck from the enemy. With utter disregard for his own safety, this intrepid soldier drove through aimed hostile fire to a field unapproachable for friendly ambulances and evacuated numerous wounded comrades. He then fearlessly volunteered to contact a squad which had become isolated from the main unit. Although the route was swept by withering enemy fire he led a patrol to successfully complete the hazardous mission. Sergeant MC COLL'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES S. MC MILLIAN, 36037780, Infantry, Company B, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, 9th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 27 March 1945 near LIMBURG, GERMANY, the platoon led by Staff Sergeant MC MILLIAN in an attack on enemy positions was subjected to harassing machine gun fire from a gun hidden by the heavy fog. When the fog suddenly lifted, he located the enemy machine gun at a distance of approximately 200 yards and at the same time the enemy directed grazing fire at the advancing platoon. Without hesitation and with fearless disregard for his own safety, he charged the hostile emplacement firing a light machine gun from the hip. Dauntlessly continuing to advance through the withering fire, he placed such effective fire on the enemy position that the gun crew was eliminated and the gun silenced. Sergeant MC MILLIAN'S courageous actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD R. O'CONNOR, 20235042, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 315th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 8 November 1944, near CLEMERY, FRANCE, Technician Fifth Grade O'CONNOR, although painfully wounded, left his protected position and exposed himself to intense hostile small arms, machine gun and mortar fire to find his fellow radio operator who had also been wounded. Discovering his comrade, unconscious and about to be carried away by the swift current of the flooded Sailla River, he gallantly shielded him from the heavy enemy fire with his own body and held him above water until help arrived. Technician Fifth Grade O'CONNOR'S courageous, unselfish actions and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

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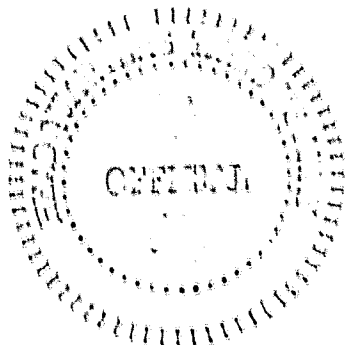
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Private First Class JOSEPH A. DEMAY, 37737786, Infantry, Company B, 405th Infantry Regiment, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 1 March 1945, during action near KREFELD, GERMANY Private First Class DEMAY'S company was subjected to intense small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire. Fearlessly advancing alone to a tank trap he evaded an enemy grenade which was thrown at him and neutralized the enemy position with two accurately thrown grenades of his own. He then covered his platoon's movement with deadly fire from his BAR and in a series of daring, aggressive actions, killed seven enemy soldiers, captured five and neutralized five enemy dug-in positions. Although this intrepid soldier was painfully wounded during the course of the action, his dauntless courage and indomitable fighting spirit enabled his company to continue their advance. Private First Class DEMAY'S gallantry and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class DONALD M. ROBERTSON, 35096660, Infantry, Company G, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. On 13 December 1944, near WEISERSTEIN, BELGIUM, Private First Class ROBERTSON, fearlessly led a patrol through an enemy mine field with the mission to silence a hostile machine gun that had been harrassing his company and causing casualties. When the patrol encountered a wide clearing covered by a concealed enemy machine gun, this intrepid soldier braving the withering fire of the enemy machine gun, succeeded in wounding one of the crew. Later returning alone, he crawled to within thirty yards of the hostile position and rising to his feet, gallantly charged forward and eliminated the weapon with rifle and grenade fire. Private First Class ROBERTSON'S heroic leadership and indomitable fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



PAUL D. WARKINS,
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