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

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT C. MC CABE, O21089, Field Artillery, Headquarters 419th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 18th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During the period 20 - 21 April 1945, during fierce action against the enemy, Colonel MC CABE, fearlessly exposed himself to intense hostile ground fire and air attack to make personal reconnaissance of routes of advance and reported enemy strong points. When enemy troops launched a desperate counterattack against his command post, this intrepid officer courageously moved into the firing line and by his heroic actions, inspired his men to repulse the enemy. Colonel MC CABE'S dauntless leadership and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain THOMAS J. EVANS, O1011996, Infantry, Company C, 704th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 22 September 1944, near MOYENVIE, FRANCE, when the enemy launched a fierce tank-infantry attack on Captain EVANS' position, he fearlessly manned the machine gun of his armored car and drove off the hostile infantry. After a fierce exchange of fire with an enemy tank, this intrepid officer ran from his armored car to a disabled tank-destroyer and with its gun destroyed the hostile tank. He then went on foot through intense small arms and heavy weapons fire to another of his platoons and remaining in an exposed position for two hours, directed it in the repulse of the enemy attack. Captain EVANS' heroic leadership and dauntless courage are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant JOHN GILMAN, 33791156, Company H, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 18 March 1945, during action near WINDHAGEN, GERMANY, Sergeant (then Private First Class) GILMAN, set up his machine gun in a building on the outskirts of town. When his position was attacked at close range by an enemy tank he fearlessly maintained his ground in the face of direct 77mm and machine gun fire and directed a steady hail of fire from his own weapon at the hostile armored vehicle. After forcing the tank to move to the other side of the house he hurled a grenade at the open turret and moved his weapon to meet the threat from this new direction. Although wounded by the point-blank 77mm fire which was destroying the side of the building, he succeeded in setting the tank on fire and as the crew attempted to escape he killed two and wounded two others. Sergeant GILMAN'S heroic determination and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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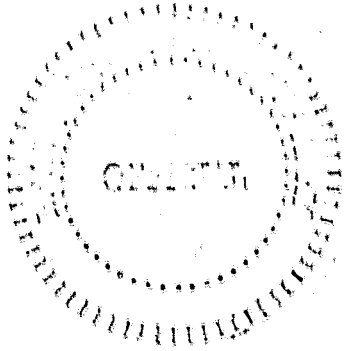
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Private First Class HARLAN J. PORTER, 38345313, Company C, 409th Infantry Regiment, 193d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in AUSTRIA. On 30 April 1945, when his platoon was pinned down by intense hostile small arms and machine gun fire near SHARNITZ, AUSTRIA, Private First Class PORTER courageously charged the enemy position alone. Firing his BAR as he ran, he killed twelve enemy soldiers and forced the remainder to retreat. Later in the day, this intrepid soldier again exposed himself to withering hostile fire and charging a position containing four 20mm guns, silenced the weapons, killed ten enemy soldiers and forced the remainder of the enemy crews to withdraw. Private PORTER'S heroic, aggressive actions and indomitable fighting spirit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



PAUL D. HARKINS,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

L. L. MANLY,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Acting Adjutant General.

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