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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS)

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:

Staff Sergeant FRED H BROWN, 34190254, Company E, 304th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 10 April 1945, during an advance upon the town of SCHWEINSTADT, GERMANY, Sergeant BROWN'S company was pinned down by a withering hail of small arms and machine gun fire emanating from concealed enemy positions. With utter disregard for his own safety, this gallant soldier left cover and fearlessly charged the first machine gun emplacement, firing from the hip as he ran. Although wounded, he continued his gallant charge until mortally wounded by a second hostile machine gun. Sergeant BROWN'S heroic, self-sacrificing actions enabled his company to locate and destroy the two enemy machine gun positions. His dauntless courage and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Technician Fourth Grade CLARENCE E BOWMAN, 5885251, Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 26 March 1945, Technician Fourth Grade BOWMAN'S artillery observation section was ambushed while driving through VALLENDOR, GERMANY. Deadly, close-range fire of four enemy machine guns instantly killed one member of the party and forced the other three to fight from the cover afforded by their one-quarter ton vehicle. Technician Fourth Grade BOWMAN fearlessly manned the light machine gun mounted on the vehicle and although hit again and again by the intense hostile fire, held himself upright to fire the gun until he fell to the ground, mortally wounded. The unselfish, heroic actions of this courageous soldier saved the lives of the other two men. Technician Fourth Grade BOWMAN'S intrepid gallantry and supreme devotion to duty will live on as a glorious chapter in the annals of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade LESLIE R PERRY, 32587912, Headquarters and Service Troop, 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 15 April 1945, the convoy of which Technician Fifth Grade PERRY was a member was ambushed in the town of GOTTSFELD, GERMANY, by enemy tanks and infantry. Although warned to seek cover, this gallant soldier elected to man the machine gun mounted on his vehicle to protect the withdrawal of his comrades. Seriously wounded by the withering hostile fire, he courageously continued to operate his weapon with devastating effect until killed by fire from an enemy tank. Technician Fifth Grade PERRY'S self-sacrificing heroism and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to the men for whom he died.

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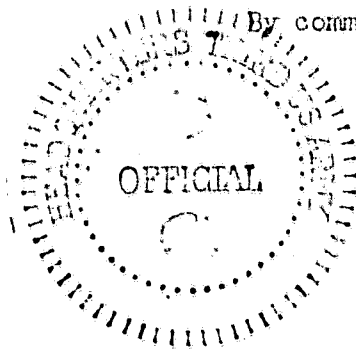
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Private First-Class REX ANDERSON, 6299463, Company F, 331st Infantry Regiment, 83d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 15 April 1945, while attacking KAMERITZ, GERMANY, the advance of Private ANDERSON'S platoon was halted by withering enemy machine gun fire from prepared defensive positions. Displaying high gallantry, this intrepid soldier advanced to the head of the attacking force, firing his machine gun with devastating effect as he moved forward. Although the enemy concentrated a murderous stream of fire at him, he continued to operate his weapon until he was killed. Private ANDERSON'S heroic, self-sacrificing actions inspired his comrades to move forward and overrun the enemy. His indomitable fighting spirit and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



PAUL D. HARKINS,  
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