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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:

Captain JOHN P TICE, 0375054, Infantry, Company B, 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an enemy in GERMANY. On 25 April 1945, when fierce enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire forced our infantry and armor to seek cover, Captain TICE fearlessly went forward to ascertain hostile gun positions. Pinned down by an enemy machine gun, he armed himself with grenades and a carbine, outflanked the position and silenced it. When a second hostile gun opened fire on him, with two accurately thrown grenades he forced the two-man crew to flee their position and then killed them. Then he directed tank destroyers into firing positions and under their barrage went to the aid of a wounded soldier lying in the field of fire. Capt TICE'S dauntless courage and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH J SMYTH, 0205705, Infantry, 318th Infantry, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 2 April 1945, when a murderous hail of enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire forced forward elements of Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) SMYTH'S company to withdraw from the town of WELLEHEIDEN, GERMANY, he gallantly elected to remain behind to treat and evacuate the wounded. When hostile machine gun fire threatened to thwart his efforts, he picked up a BAR and firing it from the hip as he advanced, quickly overran the enemy positions, wiping out two of their machine gun emplacements and crews, killing twenty-one hostile riflemen and wounding nineteen. This act of courageous aggressiveness enabled his comrades to evacuate the wounded, withdraw safely and reorganize for a successful attack. Lieutenant SMYTH'S dauntless tenacity and outstanding devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant LLOYD A RUSSELL, 37294757, Company C, 378th Infantry, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 28 November 1944, during sharp action near MERTEN, FRANCE, Sergeant RUSSELL'S company was threatened with disorganization by murderous enemy machine gun and rifle fire, as well as heavy shellfire from a cleverly concealed 76mm artillery piece which having knocked out three supporting tank destroyers was

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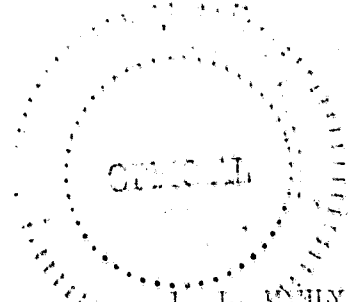
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menacing another two destroyers. After ascertaining the position of the hostile gun, he fearlessly left his cover and advanced across a fire-swept field and through the streets of the town to within a few yards of the emplacement. Charging the position with his rifle, he killed the three-man gun crew and eliminated the dangerous enemy emplacement. Sergeant RUSSELL'S heroic aggressiveness and unflinching devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant HARRY H HUNT, 37213313, Company G, 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 9 November 1944, while assisting evacuation of a severely wounded comrade from a barn held jointly by American and German forces near LAITEGIS WOODS, FRANCE, Sergeant HUNT became aware that a massive mortar shell had been hurled through a window and had rolled to the site of the wounded man next to him. With unselfish disregard for his own safety, he seized the unexploded grenade and throwing it into the air, flung himself across his comrade's body to shield him from the resultant explosion. He was himself seriously injured in consequence of this act of unflinching heroism, but Sergeant HUNT'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty saved his comrade from further harm and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:



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