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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD W KINNEY, O381680, Field Artillery, Headquarters 102d Field Artillery Battalion, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 23 December 1944, a strong enemy force was deeply entrenched along the main road between RENDANCE and GROSEBOUS, LUXEMBOURG, delaying the advance of elements of the 26th Infantry Division. In order to direct artillery fire against this force, Colonel KINNEY, commanding the 102d Field Artillery Battalion, voluntarily advanced alone to a position close to the enemy lines. There, although silhouetted against a white background of snow and exposed to enemy fire, he courageously held his position and directed effective, concentrated fire upon the enemy, completely disregarding his own safety. Colonel KINNEY'S conspicuous heroism, fearless leadership and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant STANLEY A DAVIS, 33297190, Company "C", 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 26 November 1944, Sergeant DAVIS led his squad of Company "C", 328th Infantry Regiment in a determined attack against the enemy near NONKIRCH, FRANCE, and succeeded in destroying two machine-gun nests. Employing an antitank grenade launcher he destroyed a third machine-gun position, but was severely wounded by sniper fire. Refusing to move back for aid, and ignoring a heavy artillery barrage, this courageous soldier led his men forward, skillfully deploying them man by man and directing their fire until he died from his wounds an hour later, still in action on the battlefield. The conspicuous heroism Sergeant DAVIS displayed, and his fearless, inspiring leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Captain JAMES H LEACH, O1012302, Infantry, Company "B", 37th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 26 December 1944, Captain LEACH led Company "B", 37th Tank Battalion in an assault on the strongly defended

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town of BIGONVILLE, LUXEMBOURG. Early in the attack two of the Captain's tanks were destroyed, and he suffered a painful head wound; but despite this, he courageously continued on, inspiring his men by his fearless leadership. Later in the fight Captain LEACH was again wounded, but he continued to lead and direct the attack with such ferocity that the enemy was completely defeated and the town secured. The conspicuous heroism of this courageous officer, and his fearless, inspiring leadership and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant JOHN J PRENETA, O1167165, Infantry, Company "A", 704th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During action near BEZANGE LA PETITE, FRANCE, Lieutenant PRENETA commanded Company "A", 704th Tank Destroyer Battalion. When the company was halted by an enemy mine field and brought under heavy artillery fire, Lieutenant PRENETA boldly made a reconnaissance of the ground, killed two snipers with his pistol and captured two others of the enemy in a pill box. The following day he again distinguished himself by personally leading a gun section through heavy artillery fire and directing their fire against the town from an exposed position until he was wounded and evacuated. Lieutenant PRENETA'S conspicuous heroism, and his courageous, inspiring leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant ARNOLD SAUTIN JR, O521965, Cavalry, Troop "B", 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 21 January 1945, during an attack toward WILTZ, LUXEMBOURG, three men of Lieutenant SAUTIN'S platoon were severely wounded by enemy mines. Their leader, without hesitation, entered the minefield to give first aid to his men and was severely wounded himself when a mine exploded, severing his foot. He attempted to drag himself the rest of the way to his wounded men, and when help arrived, he directed first aid treatment for the men, insisting upon their evacuation before he would accept aid himself. Then, lying wounded in the snow, under enemy artillery fire, this courageous officer reorganized his platoon and continued to direct their action until medical aid arrived. His conspicuous heroism and supreme devotion to his men and to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant CARL A FRANZ, 20311416, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 1 November 1944, near GEMMEYER, GERMANY, Sergeant FRANZ led a patrol of four men on a mission to secure enemy equipment for observation. Returning from the mission, this soldier stopped to mark a mine field he discovered, and while so engaged stepped on an S-mine. Realizing that if he removed his foot from the mine it would bounce and probably kill or wound his companions, Sergeant FRANZ calmly held it to the ground and ordered his men to disperse. He suffered severe body wounds and the loss of his foot from the resulting explosion, but his unselfish, heroic act saved the men of his patrol from injury. His courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND M KIRKLAND, 34548301, Company "F", 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 December 1944, Sergeant KIRKLAND led a small group of men across the SAAR RIVER near ZETTING, FRANCE. Because of the swiftness of current the landing was made downstream from the objective in an area under friendly mortar fire. Sergeant KIRKLAND succeeded

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in signaling friendly troops to lift the mortar fire and led his men forward through a heavily defended enemy trench system until they were halted by intense enemy fire. The intrepid Sergeant then advanced alone and knocked out two enemy machine-gun positions, and the platoon, under his fearless, inspiring leadership, continued its advance and succeeded in taking and holding the objective. Sergeant KIRKLAND'S conspicuous heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE L HATFIELD, 39681405, 26th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 22 December 1944, Sergeant HATFIELD led the 1st Platoon, 26th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop on a mission of screening the advance of the 308th Infantry Regiment near RAMBROUCH, LUXEMBOURG. Under this Sergeant's gallant, courageous leadership, the platoon inflicted tremendous losses of men and material upon the enemy, and fought a skillful delaying action although outnumbered ten to one. Sergeant HATFIELD'S conspicuous courage, and his fearless, inspiring leadership and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES R FLANNIGAN, 36857223, Battery "A", 29th Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 1 December 1944, Technician Fifth Grade FLANNIGAN was serving as a radio operator of a forward observer party of the 29th Field Artillery Battalion accompanying a rifle company of the 8th Infantry Regiment during an assault on enemy positions in the HURTGEN FOREST, GERMANY. When the company was cut off and surrounded by strong enemy forces, Technician Fifth Grade FLANNIGAN voluntarily carried a message through the enemy lines, killing one German and capturing another as he fought his way to the Battalion Command Post. His conspicuous heroism, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class AUGUSTUS G MEANS, 31455170, Headquarters Company, 318th Infantry Regiment, 89th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During action near BASTOGNE, BELGIUM on 26 December 1944, the rifle company with which Private MEANS was advancing was halted by intense enemy machine-gun fire. With utter contempt for the enemy this courageous soldier rose to his feet and fired four clips of ammunition before he was severely wounded. Then, aiming a grenade, he slowly and painfully pulled himself forward into the raking fire, hurled the grenade into the enemy position, silencing the gun and killing the crew. Private MEANS' conspicuous heroism, determination, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant GALEN L CURRY, 0465086, Field Artillery, 5th Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 1 September 1944, the light observation airplane which Lieutenant CURRY was piloting near CLEMONT, FRANCE, was hit and badly damaged by enemy anti-aircraft fire. Displaying exceptional skill

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and cool courage, Lieutenant CUREY maintained control of the airplane and succeeded in landing it in a friendly field without injury to himself and his observer. This pilot's actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

R. E. CUMMINGS,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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