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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross
SECTION II - Revocation in Sec I, GC No. 96, this Hq,
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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:

Second Lieutenant CECIL H ELLER, 0531689, Field Artillery, 423d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 26 November 1944, Lieutenant ELLER served as an artillery observer with the 1st Battalion, 358th Infantry, during action against OBERLEUKEN, GERMANY. When assault infantry elements were pinned down by a heavy enemy mortar fire, this courageous officer, completely disregarding his own safety, advanced to an exposed position and remained there adjusting artillery fire until he was killed. The conspicuous heroism Lieutenant ELLER displayed and his determination and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant EDWARD L STANNARD, 20254386, Company "A", 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 August 1944, the Tank Destroyer Platoon with which Sergeant STANNARD was serving was in action against the fortifications at ST MALO, FRANCE. When a strong group of the enemy attacked, forcing the platoon to withdraw, Sergeant STANNARD manned a machine-gun on a half track while another soldier drove the vehicle forward into the face of enemy fire. The courageous sergeant was wounded twice but continued firing until he was killed. His conspicuous heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class ANDREW A KALINKA, 32181410, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. The conspicuous heroism Private KALINKA displayed on 17 September 1944, during action against a powerful enemy attack near COTE DE FEY, FRANCE, distinguishes him as an outstanding soldier. Serving as a light machine-gunner with the 11th Infantry Regiment, he courageously held his position in the face of intense enemy fire and maintained a devastating rate of fire with his machine gun. Even when the enemy advanced to within twenty-five yards of his position he continued firing at point blank range until he was fatally wounded. The supreme courage this intrepid soldier displayed and his determination and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the service.

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*Private ERNEST C. JOHNSON, 3233260, Company "I", 358th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On the night of 6 December 1944, Private JOHNSON and members of his platoon were clearing the enemy from the town of PACHTEN, GERMANY, when they were subjected to fire from a large concrete pillbox which was situated in front of a house. Although in risk of being observed by enemy snipers in the vicinity, Private JOHNSON, disregarding his own safety advanced ahead of the platoon and constructed the only possible approach to the pillbox, by placing an elevated plank from a nearby house to the top of the fortification. After crawling along the plank he dropped two grenades down the ventilator and forced the surrender of the occupants. His heroic actions and courageous 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:

Colonel JAMES S LUCKETT, 018209, Infantry, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. The heroic, courageous leadership Colonel LUCKETT displayed while commanding the 12th Infantry Regiment in action near MONTEBOURGE, FRANCE, on 11 and 12 June 1944, distinguishes him as an outstanding officer. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to direct the actions of his troops, inspiring them by his fearless personal example. His conspicuous heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant JOE T RUTHERFORD, 37179228, Company "G", 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 12 November 1944, when Sergeant RUTHERFORD'S squad was pinned down by heavy machine-gun fire during action near KREITZSMACHER, FRANCE, he advanced alone to silence the enemy position. As he crawled forward he located and killed three enemy riflemen firing at his men from a truck; continued on and killed two and captured four of the machine-gun crew. Then, locating three more of the enemy attempting to escape, he pinned them down with captured hand grenades until other friendly troops could eliminate them. Sergeant RUTHERFORD'S conspicuous heroism, fearless determination and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant JOHN V MUZA, 33926545, Company "G", 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 15 December 1944, during action near PACHTEN, GERMANY, Sergeant MUZA, with an engineer demolition squad, ran three hundred yards across open terrain to a strongly defended enemy pillbox. When the door of the fortification was blown open he charged fearlessly inside and threw several hand grenades at the defending enemy. When his supply of grenades was exhausted, he obtained more, re-entered the pillbox and by his aggressive actions forced the surrender of 125 of the enemy. Later, Sergeant MUZA again distinguished himself when he fearlessly led three companions against another fortification and repulsed an enemy counter-attack. His conspicuous heroism, courageous leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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Sergeant JOSEPH E WILLIAMS, 37491590, Company "B", 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 6 December 1944, during house-to-house fighting in PACHTEN, GERMANY, Sergeant WILLIAMS volunteered to breach a strong enemy pillbox that was impeding the advance. Advancing against heavy fire he reached the strong point, and, although wounded, succeeded in firing his demolition charge. Refusing evacuation, this courageous soldier advanced against another pillbox, and, although wounded a second time, fired a charge which forced the surrender of sixteen of the enemy. Sergeant WILLIAMS' conspicuous heroism, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

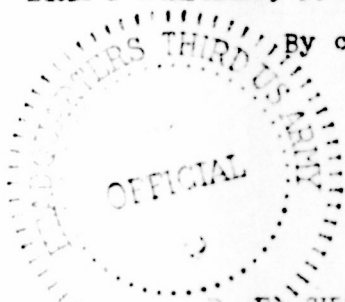
Private First Class HARRY ELLIS, 39289988, Company "G", 347th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 15 December 1944, the company with which Private ELLIS was advancing near OBERGAILBACH, GERMANY, was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun fire. Completely disregarding his own safety, this courageous soldier, armed with an automatic rifle, voluntarily advanced alone across a hundred yards of ground exposed to enemy fire and entered a hedgerow where he destroyed two machine-guns and captured four prisoners. His conspicuous heroism, determination, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class WILLIAM J MCKENZIE, 33379823, Company "H", 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 29 December 1944, the enemy launched a strong counter-attack at RINGEL, LUXEMBOURG, threatening the command post of Company "H", 319th Infantry. Private MCKENZIE courageously held his position at the command post; killed three of the enemy, wounded five and (forced the remainder to seek shelter in a nearby barn. He then ran to the barn) and forced sixteen of the enemy to surrender. Later, when this intrepid soldier observed an enemy rocket-launcher team in firing position he crawled within grenade throwing distance and repulsed the attack by killing two of the team and wounding another. The conspicuous heroism Private MCKENZIE repeatedly displayed and his courageous determination and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

II. REVOCATION IN SEC I, GO NO. 96, THIS HQ, 23 NOVEMBER 1944.

OK. ✓ So much of Paragraph 2, Section I, General orders No. 96, this Headquarters, 23 November 1944, as awards a Distinguished Service Cross to Staff Sergeant WILLIAM B HUMPHREY, 35482997, is revoked.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

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

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