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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:

First Lieutenant VERNON L EDWARDS, 01011342, Infantry, (Armored), Company "B", *** Tank Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 11 November 1944, enemy forces defending the NIED FRANCOISE RIVER withdrew under pressure of an attack by the 6th Armored Division. A vital bridge near HAN-SUR-NIED, FRANCE, remained intact. Lieutenant EDWARDS, a platoon leader of Company "B", *** Tank Battalion, was given the critical mission of crossing with his platoon to establish a bridgehead on the far side. The bridge was under direct fire from small arms, anti-aircraft guns, field artillery and the 88mm weapons of enemy Tiger Tanks. Lieutenant EDWARDS assembled the commanders of his four tanks, briefed them as to the assault and the importance of their mission. Scorning personal danger he led his platoon onto the bridge, standing in the turret of his tank to direct the attack. Leading the advance Lieutenant EDWARDS personally destroyed two enemy rocket-launcher teams with machine-gun fire. As his tank approached the enemy end of the bridge, and while firing on an enemy machine-gun position, Lieutenant EDWARDS was killed by fire of an enemy sniper. Lieutenant EDWARDS' outstanding courage, inspirational leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service of the United States. ✓

Private EDGAR W HILL, 31269360, Medical Detachment, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 September 1944, the 11th Infantry Regiment, with which Private HILL was serving as a medical aid man, was engaged in a fierce attack against the enemy near DOMROT, FRANCE. Many soldiers fell wounded and Private HILL volunteered to go forward under the withering enemy fire to administer first aid. He courageously remained at his forward position under fire throughout the night, aiding the wounded. During a furious enemy counter-attack, he courageously made his way forward beyond the front lines to answer to a wounded soldier's call, ignoring the intense enemy fire. While Private HILL was administering aid to the wounded soldier both of them were killed by a burst of enemy automatic fire. The supreme sacrifice Private HILL made above and beyond the call of duty; his intrepid courage and heroic 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:

First Lieutenant JAMES D JACKSON, 01030255, Cavalry, Troop "D", *** Cavalry

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Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 1 September 1944, Lieutenant JACKSON brilliantly led a platoon of the 1st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) on a daring mission to reconnoiter a bridge across the LOZELLE RIVER at THIONVILLE, FRANCE, then deep in enemy territory. Inspired by the daring example of their intrepid leader, the platoon fought its way to the bridge, inflicting great destruction on the opposing enemy forces. Upon reaching the bridge Lieutenant JACKSON dismounted from his vehicle, ignoring the intense enemy fire, and by bold, quick action prevented the enemy from detonating prepared demolition charges. He was wounded twice while crossing the bridge but continued to direct the actions of his platoon despite his wounds. Lieutenant JACKSON's inspiring, fearless leadership; his courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK M PETERSON, 3660070, Company "K", 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During the assault on FORT GAMBETTA, FRANCE, on 17 November 1944, the commanding officer of Company "K", 377th Infantry was killed. Sergeant PETERSON, a squad leader in the Company, quickly reorganized the troops around him and vigorously pursued the attack. During the fighting that ensued Sergeant PETERSON repeatedly exposed himself to the intense enemy fire, inspiring his men by his fearless leadership. He personally destroyed two enemy automatic-weapon positions and later skillfully conducted an ordered withdrawal of his platoon. On 21 November Sergeant PETERSON again distinguished himself by fearlessly leading a three-man patrol into an enemy-defended underground hospital installation in the METZ garrison where the Commanding General of the Garrison was alleged to be. The patrol, under his intrepid leadership, fought their way to the installation, overpowered the guards at the entrance and took the general prisoner. Sergeant PETERSON's outstanding heroism, many times displayed, his courageous, inspiring leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Technical Sergeant RUDOLPH M SCHULLER, 35316064, Company "L", 379th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On the night of 6 November 1944, while approaching the outer fortifications of FORT JEANNE D'ARC, FRANCE, leading his combat patrol, Sergeant SCHULLER was severely wounded by a burst of enemy machine-gun fire. Although bleeding profusely from his wounds and suffering intense pain, Sergeant SCHULLER picked up the sub-machine gun which had been jarred from his hands and fired a full clip of ammunition into the enemy position in front of him, silencing the machine-gun. He continued to direct the fire and movement of his platoon despite his wounds until he collapsed from loss of blood. Sergeant SCHULLER's inspiring leadership, his heroic determination to close with the enemy and his supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

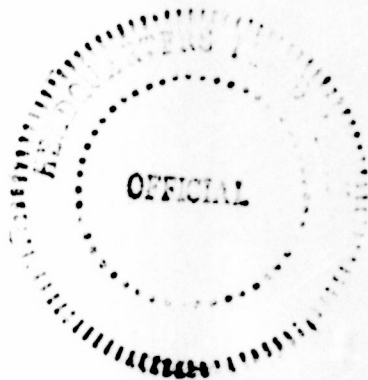
Private First Class LOYD G ZEMMER, 35709883, Company "G", 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 29 September 1944, Private First Class ZEMMER was leading a ten-man patrol on a night reconnaissance in the vicinity of RICHMONT, FRANCE. While crossing a narrow foot

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bridge across a canal, well ahead of his patrol, he was challenged by a sentry in an enemy outpost on the far side. Though realizing that his actions would draw enemy fire, Private First Class ZEHNER opened fire with his automatic rifle and charged furiously across the bridge directly toward the enemy. The enemy immediately opened fire with a machine-gun and rifles. Private First Class ZEHNER, after expending his magazine of ammunition, plunged into the enemy position and violently wrested the machine-gun from the bewildered gunner. He then silenced enemy small arms fire by throwing two grenades into a nearby house, reloaded his automatic rifle and killed the fleeing machine-gunner. Private First Class ZEHNER's outstanding heroism; his courageous determination and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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