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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 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 HASSELL C WHITEFIELD, 38098557, Battery "A", 344th Field Artillery Battalion, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 17 January 1945, during an enemy attack against the town of OBERWAMPACH, LUXEMBOURG, Sergeant WHITEFIELD helped to establish an artillery observation post in a strategically located position ahead of the infantry. When wire communications were destroyed by intense enemy artillery fire, the Sergeant established a radio post a hundred yards behind the observer, then made repeated trips through intense fire to transmit accurate fire data. Sergeant Whitefield was mortally wounded while courageously performing his duty; but his heroism, his fearless determination and supreme devotion to duty live on as a constant inspiration to his comrades. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

First Lieutenant THOMAS J MANN, 01169628, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 344th Field Artillery Battalion, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 17 January 1945, during a determined enemy attack near OBERWAMPACH, LUXEMBOURG, Lieutenant MANN, completely disregarding his own safety, established an observation post well in advance of the infantry and registered such accurate fire that the enemy was repulsed, leaving behind a large number of dead and several tanks. Later, when the enemy launched another attack in great force the Lieutenant again advanced ahead of the infantry to register artillery fire. His telephone was destroyed by shellfire, but undeterred, he took another position under a blazing tank from where he relayed such effective fire data by radio that the enemy was again routed, suffering heavy losses in men and material. This officer's conspicuous heroism, his fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant WILLIAM B PHILLIPS JR, 38312428, Company "I", 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 17 November 1944, during action near SCHEVENHUTTE, GERMANY, the infantry company with which Sergeant PHILLIPS was advancing was pinned down by intense machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox strategically located on top of a steep hill. The Sergeant, upon observing this, obtained a rocket launcher and fearlessly went forward alone to reduce the position. Making his way laboriously up the hill under a hail of fire he reached a point within twenty-five yards of the enemy emplacement and fired a round of

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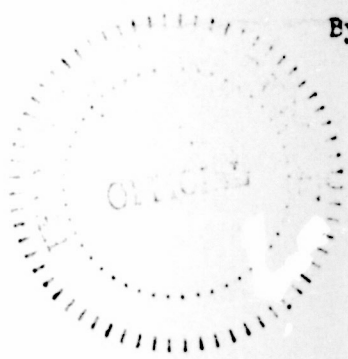
rocket ammunition into the doorway, killing the five occupants. His daring action so demoralized the defenders of an adjacent pillbox that they abandoned their position to surrender, but as the Sergeant went forward he stepped on an anti-personnel mine which blew off his foot. Although suffering great pain he thought first of his comrades, and for fear that the entire area was mined did not permit them to come to his assistance until he had crawled to a safe position some thirty yards distant. This soldier's heroic, unselfish devotion to duty, his fearless determination and conspicuous courage exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal WALTER W MATHIS, 38063663, Battery "A", 344th Field Artillery Battalion, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. On 17 January 1945, during a determined enemy attack near OBERWAMPACH, LUXEMBOURG, Corporal MATHIS on two occasions, completely disregarding his own safety, advanced through intense fire, beyond the infantry, and laid a communication line to exposed observation posts. The wire was cut several times by shellfire, and each time the courageous soldier, unhesitating, braved the heavy fire to repair the line and maintain vital communications. Later he established radio communication, and although painfully wounded continued at his post in the midst of a concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire and coolly transmitted fire commands until the enemy attack was repulsed. This soldier's heroic determination, initiative and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class TED R DAVIS, 6583031, Company "A", 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 17 January 1945, during a determined enemy attack near OBERWAMPACH, LUXEMBOURG, the tank in which Private DAVIS served as a cannoner and loader, was set on fire by two direct artillery hits, forcing the crew to take cover. When the tank ceased to burn, this soldier voluntarily made his way through withering fire to the vehicle, mounted it and repaired the damaged guns. When the enemy advanced to within machine gun range he opened fire, decimating their ranks and forcing them to withdraw. Later he assembled a crew and drove the tank into action which resulted in the destruction of an enemy tank. This soldier's courage, his fearless determination and heroic devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

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



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