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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross  
SECTION II - Amendment of GO No. 59, this Hq, dtd 13 Sep 1944  
SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal

I. 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:

Private WILLIAM H. WHITSON, 35159792, Infantry, United States Army, \*\*\* Armored Inf Bn, 4th Armored Division. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy at AVRANCHES, FRANCE, on 30 July 1944. In the early morning mist enemy vehicles attempting to enter and withdraw through AVRANCHES were observed by Private WHITSON, machine gunner occupying a position well forward, who immediately placed them under direct fire. Despite the concentrated counter-fire, Private WHITSON steadfastly stayed with his gun and keeping the approaching vehicles under heavy accurate fire he put out of action twenty-five light enemy vehicles, killed fifty of the enemy soldiers, and demoralized the remainder of the enemy party. As a result of this devastating fire, more than five hundred Germans surrendered. With unwavering tenacity Private WHITSON remained at his post and kept firing until he was killed at his gun. The heroic action of Private WHITSON reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

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:

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH P. FULLER, 20725112, Infantry, United States Army, Co "E", 8th Inf Regt, 35th Infantry Division. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy near LA RAOULERIE, NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 16 July 1944. When his company was held up by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire directed from emplacements along its left flank, this soldier voluntarily, and acting alone, crawled forward with a telephone to direct artillery fire upon the enemy positions. He drew so near the enemy that he could hear their voices in conversation and it was necessary for him to whisper directions over the telephone in order to prevent discovery. He was in effect directing friendly artillery fire on his own position. The resulting fire was so effective that the enemy positions were broken; ten enemy soldiers ran to the American lines and the remainder withdrew. Technical Sergeant Fuller then proceeded to a nearby tank destroyer and directed its cannon fire on the fleeing enemy. When the supply of shells exhausted, he exposed himself from the turret of the tank destroyer and fired its machine gun at the enemy. Because of the extraordinary heroism of Technical Sergeant FULLER and his disregard for personal safety while directing friendly artillery fire on his own position his company made a successful advance.

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Staff Sergeant CARL J FRANTZ, 37073261, Infantry, United States Army, Co "E", \*\* Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. For extraordinary heroism in the vicinity of LE CARILLON, NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 11 July 1944. Staff Sergeant FRANTZ was directing the limited withdrawal of his platoon under fire when two enemy machine-guns opened fire on his position. He was wounded in the stomach by the first burst of machine-gun fire, making it necessary for him to hold his intestines in with one hand. He seized a BAR and opened fire on the enemy positions, allowing his men to withdraw safely, and he was soon alone in an open field. Still holding his abdomen closed with one hand, he began crawling to safety when a sniper opened fire at him. Staff Sergeant FRANTZ located the sniper and killed him. He continued his crawl and reached a ditch where he lay until dark. He then walked two miles to the aid station. Disregarding his own safety and need for medical attention, Staff Sergeant FRANTZ saved his platoon from possible annihilation. This valorous act demanded courage far above the ordinary, and reflects great credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

*Revoked by HQ # 108-12/11/44.*

\* ~~General JOHN D KELLY, 33271778, Infantry, United States Army, Co "E", \*\*~~ Infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division. For extraordinary heroism in the vicinity of FORT DU ROULE, CHERBOURG, FRANCE, on 25 June 1944. When his unit was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun fire emanating from a deeply entrenched strong point on the slope leading up to the fort, Corporal JOHN D KELLY volunteered to try to knock out the strong point. Arming himself with a pole charge about 10 feet long with 15 pounds of TNT-affixed, he climbed the slope under a withering blast of machine-gun fire and placed the charge at the strong point's base. The subsequent blast was ineffective, and again, alone and unhesitatingly, he braved the slope to repeat the operation. This second blast blew off the ends of the enemy guns. Corporal KELLY then climbed the slope a third time to place a pole charge at the strong point's rear entrance. When this had been blown open, he hurled hand grenades inside the position, forcing survivors of the enemy gun crews to come out and surrender. The gallantry, tenacity of purpose and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal KELLY reflects the highest credit on himself and on the Army of the United States.

11. AMENDMENT OF GO NO. 59, THIS HQ, DATED 13 SEP 1944. - So much of General Order Number 59, this Headquarters, dated 13 September 1944 awarding the Distinguished Service Cross as pertains to Private First Class MILO J FLYNN 16007514 is amended to read:

Private First Class MILO J FLYNN, 16007514, Infantry, United States Army, \*\* Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy at VIDOUVILLE, FRANCE, on 26 July 1944. Private FLYNN's platoon was halted by stubborn enemy resistance and his squad leader was killed by intense enemy fire in an attempt to man the guns of a disabled tank. When Private FLYNN'S own weapon, an automatic rifle, jammed, he crawled to the tank, at all times exposed to enemy fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety, entered the tank and traversed the turret, spraying the hedge rows until his ammunition was expended and the enemy weapons had been silenced. Due to his heroic and courageous actions his platoon was able to repulse the enemy. Private FLYNN then remained to help evacuate his wounded platoon leader to a place of safety. The personal bravery and tenacity of purpose exhibited by Private FLYNN reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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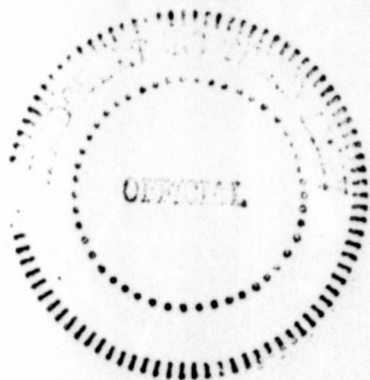
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army 27 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant JOHNNY E STEINBERG, 36552573, Ordnance Department, United States Army, \*\* Ordnance Ammunition Company. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France. On the night of 6 - 7 August 1944, Staff Sergeant JOHNNY E STEINBERG was on duty in the magazine area of an ammunition depot when it was bombed by enemy aircraft. Staff Sergeant STEINBERG, with utter disregard for his own safety, aided in evacuating a wounded soldier from the blazing ammunition depot to a first aid station, and doing so distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT H RICKS, 36552602, Ordnance Department, United States Army, \*\* Ordnance Ammunition Company. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France. On the night of 6 - 7 August 1944, Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT H RICKS was on duty in the magazine area of an ammunition depot when it was bombed by enemy aircraft. Technician Fourth Grade RICKS, with utter disregard for his own safety, aided in evacuating a wounded soldier from the blazing ammunition depot to a first aid station, and doing so distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES YARBROUGH, 36513657, Ordnance Department, United States Army, \*\* Ordnance Ammunition Company. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France. On the night of 6 - 7 August 1944, Technician Fourth Grade JAMES YARBROUGH was on duty in the magazine area of an ammunition depot when it was bombed by enemy aircraft. Technician Fourth Grade YARBROUGH, with utter disregard for his own safety, aided in evacuating a wounded soldier from the blazing ammunition depot to a first aid station, and doing so distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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