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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

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:

Colonel BRUCE C CLARKE, 016068, Corps of Engineers, 4th Armored Division (CC "A"), United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 25 August 1944, Colonel BRUCE C CLARKE, Commanding Combat Command "A", conducted a dual operation consisting of a frontal attack on the city of TROYES, FRANCE, and a simultaneous establishment of a bridgehead over the Seine River north of the city. This officer continuously exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to keep contact with the leading elements of his command and to coordinate the attack. By his forceful and personal leadership he was able to overcome great odds and to effect the complete destruction of the enemy. With complete disregard for his personal safety, by boldness and rapidity of action, and through the exercise of dynamic leadership, Colonel CLARKE inspired his entire command in their victorious attack.

Lieutenant Colonel KELLEY B LEMMON JR, 020816, Infantry, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 23 August 1944 in the vicinity of FONTAINEBLEAU, FRANCE. This officer, commanding an infantry battalion attacking across the Seine River, discovered upon reaching the river that the bridge had been destroyed. Realizing the necessity for prompt action, Colonel LEMMON decided to force a crossing and establish a bridgehead immediately. Rather than order one of his men to cross the river, which was 250 yards wide at this point and under intense enemy small arms and 20mm fire, Colonel LEMMON, without regard for his own personal safety, swam the river. Upon reaching the enemy shore he secured five civilian boats, tied them together, and by extremely laborious effort paddled them back to our shore. These boats were immediately utilized in the initial crossing by infantry troops to establish the bridgehead. This bridgehead eventually became the main axis of advance for other elements of our troops and its establishment contributed immeasurably to the ultimate success of the drive. The outstanding heroism, extreme devotion to duty, and high courage displayed by Colonel LEMMON reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD F HEINZELMAN, 6919819, Infantry, 5th Infantry Division United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 26 July 1944 in the vicinity of CORNOLAIN, FRANCE. Sergeant HEINZELMAN was guiding a tank forward under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire when its inter-communication system failed. Without thought of his personal safety and at the risk of his life Sergeant HEINZELMAN promptly climbed to the turret of the tank in order to direct its movement and fire. While in this position, he was wounded but continued to direct the tank, successfully eliminating several enemy machine-gun and mortar positions until his vehicle was immobilized by enemy fire. He then helped evacuate the members of the tank crew before seeking safety himself. Sergeant HEINZELMAN'S courage and extreme

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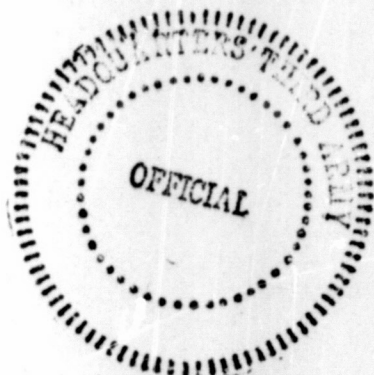
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devotion to duty not only reflect great credit upon himself, but redound to the honor of our Armed Forces.

Private THOMAS T FLYNN, 35873557, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 5 July 1944, in the vicinity of BEAU COUDREY, FRANCE, Private FLYNN located an enemy machine-gun which was directing fire against his advancing platoon. He worked his way forward alone until he was within full view of the enemy gun crew. Then, without hesitation, and displaying great courage, he completely surprised the enemy by leaping the hedgerow in front of their position and charging them fearlessly with fixed bayonet. He took as prisoners the two Germans operating the machine-gun. The audacious determination of Private FLYNN, his conspicuous courage and heroic devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HUGH J. GARFEY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

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