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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:

First Lieutenant VERNON W PICKETT, 01290807, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 15 July 1944 near ST LO, FRANCE, as Lieutenant PICKETT, Communications Officer, * Battalion, ** Infantry, led a wire team forward to establish communications with a battalion observation post, his team was subjected to cross-fire from two enemy machine-guns and pinned to the ground. Lieutenant PICKETT approached the enemy positions, but the enemy fire was so intense that it was necessary for him to remain under cover until daybreak, at which time he crawled to each of the enemy machine-guns and destroyed them with hand grenades. Enroute to his own line, he was caught in alternate friendly and enemy artillery barrages, rendered unconscious by concussion, and captured by the Germans. While enroute to a prisoner of war camp, he escaped by cutting his way out of a box car, and with the aid of French civilians made his way back to the American lines. Lieutenant PICKETT was killed in a subsequent action against the enemy. The intrepid actions of this officer, his resourcefulness, tenacity of purpose, and utter disregard for personal safety are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant JAMES E RUSSELL, 02048470, Medical Administrative Corps, ** Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 14 September 1944, the ** Battalion, ** Infantry, was attacking a heavily fortified enemy position in the FORET DE L'AVANT-GARDE near POMPEY, FRANCE. In order to administer aid and to evacuate casualties, Lieutenant RUSSELL, as medical administrative officer of the ** Battalion Aid Station, established a forward evacuation point in the vicinity of the Company I command post and went forward to direct litter bearers. As the attack progressed, enemy fire increased in intensity, and there were more casualties than could be handled by the medical aid men. Displaying courage and disregard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant RUSSELL repeatedly advanced into the machine-gunned and heavily shelled area alone and carried back wounded men. He saved many lives and his actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them. Lieutenant RUSSELL was killed by machine-gun fire while administering first aid to a wounded man on the battlefield.

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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 HUBERT G MILLER, 01295925, Infantry, Company "I", ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 12 July 1944 near LA VALAISSE, FRANCE, while the ** Battalion, ** Infantry was attacking through hedgerows, Lieutenant MILLER, as Commanding Officer of Company "I", was severely and painfully wounded when the battalion was pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun fire. Learning that all the other officers of Companies "I", "K", and "L" had become casualties, Lieutenant MILLER refused to be evacuated and took command of the reorganization of the three companies under heavy enemy fire. With disregard of his injuries and personal safety, he then moved forward in direct line of fire from the enemy and brought back to safety a severely wounded enlisted man. Lieutenant Miller remained in command of his troops until relieved by another officer some three hours later. The gallant example set by this officer inspired the troops which he commanded to strive more aggressively for success in all their combat missions.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J HENRY, 0461526, Infantry, Company "K", ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 3 July 1944, Company "K", ** Infantry was attacking south in the vicinity of LES SABLON, FRANCE, when they were stopped by extremely heavy enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire. Lieutenant HENRY, heavy weapons platoon leader, went forward under fire with a sound-power telephone to adjust the fire of his platoon. As he reached the hedge from which he was to observe he was severely wounded by enemy mortar and small arms fire. Despite these wounds he stayed at his position directing fire, with complete disregard for his own safety, and would not accept evacuation until his mission was accomplished. The conspicuous gallantry of Lieutenant HENRY and his courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH M MOORE JR, 0536595, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 6 September 1944 in the vicinity of TOUL, FRANCE. During the attack on a heavily fortified enemy position, Lieutenant MOORE, a platoon leader, displayed great personal bravery. The main enemy fortification, a concrete and steel pillbox, was located on the crest of a hill supported by excellent fields of fire. As the attack progressed, Lieutenant MOORE'S platoon was momentarily halted by enemy heavy machine-gun fire. Realizing that his platoon in its exposed position would be annihilated, Lieutenant MOORE, displaying excellent leadership and total disregard for his personal safety, advanced to the vicinity of the machine-gun and silenced it with hand grenades. Although seriously wounded, Lieutenant MOORE gallantly continued to lead his platoon and so inspired his men that they overran and destroyed the entire enemy position. The bravery, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by this officer are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

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Technical Sergeant HOWARD W TREGO, 38140986, Infantry, Company "H", ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 13 July 1944 in the vicinity of GORCHES, FRANCE, Sergeant TREGO was reconnoitering an enemy machine-gun position, the fire from which was delaying the advance of two infantry companies. His movements were covered by fire support from his platoon leader and one other soldier. As Sergeant TREGO advanced he came upon and killed an enemy soldier with his carbine. Taking the dead soldier's machine pistol he moved nearer the machine-gun position, killing more of the enemy on the way. When his machine pistol ran out of ammunition he used in succession an automatic rifle, an enemy rifle, and an M1 rifle. His platoon leader and the other soldier then came forward and their combined fire caused the disorganized enemy group to come out of their position and surrender. Although Sergeant TREGO and his party were out of ammunition, their bold front hid this fact from the enemy. As a result of this action eight prisoners were taken, eight enemy killed, a machine-gun captured, and the battalion's advance allowed to continue. The aggressive and heroic conduct of Sergeant TREGO proved him a courageous soldier and exemplifies the highest tradition of the service.

Private HAROLD A GARMAN, 36076626, Medical Department, Company "B", ** Medical Battalion, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On the 25th of August 1944 in the vicinity of MONTEREAU, FRANCE, the enemy was sharply contesting any enlargement of the bridgehead which our forces had established on the northern bank of the Seine River in this sector. Casualties were being evacuated to the southern shore in assault boats paddled by litter bearers from a medical battalion. Private GARMAN, also a litter bearer in this battalion was working on the friendly shore carrying the wounded from the boats to waiting ambulances. As one boat load of wounded reached midstream a German machine-gun suddenly opened fire upon it from a commanding position on the northern bank one hundred yards away. All of the men in the boat immediately took to the water except one man who was so badly wounded he could not rise from his litter. Two other patients who were unable to swim because of their wounds clung to the sides of the boat. Seeing the extreme danger of these patients, Private GARMAN without a moments hesitation plunged into the Seine. Swimming directly into a hail of machine-gun bullets he rapidly reached the assault boat and then while still under accurately aimed fire towed the boat with great effort to the southern shore. This soldiers moving heroism not only saved the lives of the three patients but so inspired his comrades that additional assault boats were immediately procured and the evacuation of the wounded resumed. Private GARMAN'S great courage and his heroic devotion to the highest tenets of the Medical Corps, may be written with great pride in the annals of the Corps.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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