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AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Circular #32, Hq European Theater of Operations, US Army, 20 March 1944, the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Man:

CHARLES K. BOYD, O-729118, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army (Missing in Action). For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy while serving as Pilot of a Troop Carrier aircraft during the airborne invasion of Holland, 19 September 1944. On this date, approximately three minutes before reaching the Landing Zone, Major Boyd's aircraft was struck by violent enemy ground fire and burst into flames, causing the aircraft to sway and jerk spasmodically and rapidly lose altitude. Despite the severity of the situation, Major Boyd continued on in formation. When the Landing Zone was reached his aircraft was flying almost vertical to the ground. At this time the Glider Pilot cut loose for a successful landing and Major Boyd's crew members jumped to safety. Major Boyd however, was not seen to leave the aircraft before it plunged to earth. The heroic determination of this officer to complete his mission and his utter disregard for his personal safety are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Jean G. Boyd (Wife), 122 West Knoles Way, Stockton, California.

WILLIAM J. HOVDE, O-25753, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy, 5 December 1944. On this date, while acting as Group Leader on a bomber-escort mission, Major Hovde directed an attack by his Group on superior numbers of enemy aircraft. Despite the fact that his aircraft developed mechanical difficulties and his fuel reserve was critically short, he relentlessly pursued the enemy, personally destroying five of them and sharing in the destruction of a sixth. The outstanding heroism and determination to destroy the enemy displayed by Major Hovde on this occasion are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

EDMUND B. DUNN, 0690065, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy while serving as Pilot of a B-26 type aircraft on a bombardment mission against Saarlautern, Germany, 2 December 1944. On this date, as the flight in which Lieutenant Dunn was flying neared the target and started on the bombing run, a barrage of intense, accurate, and heavy flak hit the formation, and a heavy caliber shell burst in the waist of Lieutenant Dunn's bomber, severely damaging the aircraft, killing one crew member, and seriously wounding another. At the same time, Lieutenant Dunn was badly wounded and rendered unconscious. Regaining consciousness, in spite of his wounds and the critical condition of the aircraft, he proceeded on to the target. The great courage and determina-

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tion to accomplish his assigned mission displayed by Lieutenant Dunn on this occasion reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

WILLIAM J. GARRY, 0-679856, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy while leading an element of a P-47 squadron on an armed reconnaissance mission in the Coblenz area, 23 December 1944. On this date, after dropping their bombs on an enemy airdrome, the squadron in which Lieutenant Garry was flying was attacked from above by 32 enemy fighters. Lieutenant Garry was completely surrounded by enemy fighters who were closing in for a kill. Alone now, Lieutenant Garry deliberately turned to attack the enemy at altitudes varying from 20,000 feet to tree top level. He destroyed four enemy aircraft and saved several friendly aircraft from probable destruction. The outstanding heroism and determination to destroy the enemy displayed by Lieutenant Garry on this occasion reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

CHARLES T. JONES, 0-708930, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on 31 December 1944, while serving as lead bombardier of a large formation of heavy bombers. On this date, while on the bombing run and about two minutes before the bomb release line, Lieutenant Jones was seriously injured by anti-aircraft fire. Stunned for several seconds, he recovered, and although suffering great pain and bleeding profusely, refused first aid and continued to synchronize on the target, releasing his bombs with devastating accuracy. As a direct result of his courageous and gallant behavior in this extreme emergency, great destruction was wrought upon a vital enemy military installation. Lieutenant Jones' outstanding heroism on this occasion reflects highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

JOHN L. KEHOE, 0-750164, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army (Missing in Action). For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy while serving as pilot of an A-26 type aircraft on a mission to Munsteriefel, Germany, 25 December 1944. On this date, heavy, accurate, and intense flak was encountered from the bombing line to the target, a period of about ten minutes. Despite great damage to his aircraft, Lieutenant Kehoe maintained his position in the formation. The right engine of his aircraft began smoking approximately two minutes from the target, and shortly afterwards burst into flames, spreading along the fuselage and at times enveloping the canopy. Completely disregarding the imminent danger of explosion and with no thought for preserving his own life, he held his position into the target and his bombs were released with telling accuracy. Immediately after bombs away, his aircraft fell from the formation, and subsequently exploded in midair. The extraordinary heroism, devotion to duty, and determination to accomplish his mission displayed by Lieutenant Kehoe on this occasion are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. John W. Kehoe, 3033 Wellington Avenue, Schenectady, New York.

HARRY V. GLADLS, 17160392, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy while serving as bombardier-navigator on a B-26 aircraft, 3 October 1944. On this date, while participating in an aerial attack on an enemy strongpoint near Cologne, Germany, the formation in which he was flying was intercepted by approximately 30 enemy fighters which attacked from all directions. After being

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separated from the rest of the formation, Sergeant Glades' aircraft received damaging hits from enemy ground defenses, and he was seriously wounded by a piece of flak which penetrated between his ribs and lodged in the back of his lung cavity. Despite his critical condition, he continued to perform his duties without making known his injuries. Selecting a target of opportunity, he released the bombs and then safely navigated the crippled aircraft to the protection of Allied territory. The great courage, devotion to duty, and determination to complete his mission displayed by Sergeant Glades on this occasion reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

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