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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Private Leonard L. Eggleston, 35603881, Infantry, 121st Infantry Regiment, United States Army for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. At about 1100 hours on 26 July 1944 in the vicinity of Joliment, France, the enemy launched a combined infantry and tank attack against the left flank of Company "A", 121st Infantry Regiment. Private Eggleston, a machine gunner, fired on the advancing enemy infantrymen repulsing their attack. During this severe enemy action he was wounded by a German hand grenade. Still at his gun, he continued his fire until again wounded by return fire from the guns of an advancing enemy tank. Private Eggleston, heedless of his wounds, fired the last available round of ammunition from a Rocket Launcher at the tank. Upon missing, he then seized an M1 rifle and fired an anti-tank grenade which hit the turret of the tank forcing it to withdraw. The courageous actions and aggressive spirit displayed by Private Eggleston not only reflect great credit upon himself, but are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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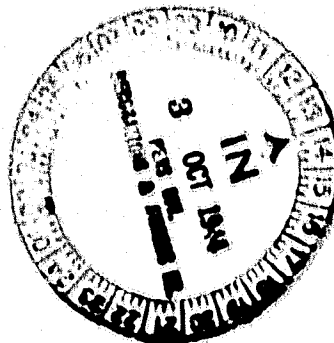
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