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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
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APO 512

AG 201-E-Averson, Clayton E. (Enl)

8 March 1943

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration.(Posthumous)

THRU : CG, II Corps, APO 302.


TO : CG, 1st Armd Div, APO 251.

1. The award, posthumously, of the Distinguished Service Cross to Clayton E. Averson, 6992296, Staff Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion (H), of your command, has been approved. Attached are copies of the complete citation.

2. This award will be announced to the command in General Orders No. 13, this headquarters, cs.

3. The War Department will make presentation of award to individual's next of kin.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

  
J. L. TARR,  
Colonel, AGD  
Asst. Adjutant General



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HQ II CORPS, APO 302, U. S. Army, 12 March 1943. TO: CG, 1st Armd Div.

For necessary action.

By command of Major General PATTON:

  
F. W. ZIES,  
Lt Col, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

CLAYTON E. AVERSON, (ASN 6992296), Staff Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion (H). For extraordinary heroism in action. On 1 February 1943, in the vicinity of Sened, Tunisia, when the vehicle which Staff Sergeant Averson commanded was hit by an enemy shell, set afire, and put out of action, he and one of his men were seriously injured. After ordering the rest of his crew to return to safety, and despite his own serious injury, he remained behind to remove his wounded comrade from the vehicle. To do this, it was necessary for him to expose himself to direct enemy fire, which resulted in his receiving further wounds and caused his death. The great courage, complete disregard for his own welfare, and gallant heroism displayed by Staff Sergeant Averson reflects the highest credit upon the Armed Service.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD  
Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff

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T. J. DAVIS  
Brigadier General, AGD  
Adjutant General

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