



Artillery OCS Hall of Fame

**Second Lieutenant
Albert A. Alop
Camp Davis 1943**

Distinguished Service Cross

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING World War II

Service: Army

Battalion: 463d Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AW) Battalion

Division: XV Corps

GENERAL ORDERS:

Headquarters, XV Corps, General Orders No. 48 (1944)

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Second Lieutenant (Coast Artillery Corps) Albert A. Alop (ASN: 36007085/0-1048363), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Battery D, 463d Anti-Aircraft Artillery (Automatic Weapons) Battalion, XV Corps, in action against enemy forces during a severe enemy counterattack at Mantes-Gassicourt, on 23 August 1944. Second Lieutenant Alop was at a forward ack-ack position when he saw Germans deploying. He ran back and was able to re-route several American tanks towards the enemy position. Then, armed only with a carbine, he wiped out a German machine gun crew, ducked while the fire of friendly tanks streamed over his head, and completed his self-assigned chore by killing the last resisting contingent. As a result of his efforts and those of the American tanks he re-routed, more than 100 enemy were killed or wounded, 30 were captured, and a number of machine guns and bazookas were captured. Second Lieutenant Alop's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

