



Artillery OCS Hall of Fame

Major General Hugh B. Mott Camp Davis 1943

Returning to Tennessee as a highly decorated war hero, he won election to the Tennessee House of Representatives, serving from 1948 to 1951. Joining the Tennessee National Guard, he quickly rose through the ranks to major general and was named Adjutant General for the State of Tennessee in 1968, serving until 1971. He led the Guard in suppressing civil unrest in Nashville following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis in 1968.

Distinguished Service Cross

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING World War II

Service: Army

Rank: First Lieutenant

Battalion: 9th Armored Engineer Battalion

Division: 9th Armored Division

GENERAL ORDERS:

Headquarters, First U.S. Army, General Orders No. 49 (March 27, 1945)

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 First Lieutenant (Corps of Engineers) Hugh Barbee Mott (ASN: 0-1056820), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as Commanding Officer of 2d Platoon, Company B, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, in action against enemy forces on 7 March 1945, in Germany. When the vehicle in which he was riding reached the Ludendorf railroad bridge across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Mott dismounted and approached the structure on foot. Although the bridge was rocked by demolition charges, and intense sniper, machine gun, and 20-mm. gun fire was directed upon him, he moved along the entire length of the bridge, cutting wires leading to further demolitions. By his unhesitating action and cool courage, First Lieutenant Mott prevented the immediate destruction of the bridge and enabled FIRST Army to establish a bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine River, thus reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

