

Second Lieutenant Dennis Jerome Regan (Class 40-42)

Distinguished Service Cross

Headquarters, Ninth U.S. Army

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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 (Field Artillery) Dennis Jerome Regan (ASN: O-1174117), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Battery C, 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, in action against enemy forces from 27 to 30 October 1944 in the vicinity of Meijel, Holland.

Lieutenant Regan remained with the forward elements of the infantry under constant fire of enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms. By accurately placing close-in barrages, he was able to effectively cover several withdrawals of the unit he was supporting when it was outflanked by vastly superior enemy forces. Lieutenant Regan without regard for his own personal safety, moved forward numerous times to high points of terrain for observation. It was from such a point that he covered the final withdrawal of the infantry. In so doing he was entirely cut off by the enemy and the last words from him were, "They are on me - give all possible fire in this area. I must destroy my radio." Second Lieutenant Regan'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.