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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded to:

Colonel *Arthur D. Simons*, , Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism while commanding the ground element of a joint United States task force on an operation deep in North Vietnam on 21 November 1970. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Colonel *Simons* voluntarily participated as a member of a Joint Task Force with the humanitarian mission of rescuing United States military personel held as prisoners of war at the Son Tay Prison Compound approximately twenty nautical miles from Hanoi, the capital of North Vietnam. In an outstanding display of leadership and personal courage, Colonel *Simons* led the ground force in the rescue effort. On the ground, the search and rescue element was immediately taken under automatic weapons fire by the enemy. While directing and supervising the operation, Colonel *Simons* continually exposed himself to enemy fire and, on one occasion, personally took under fire enemy personnel in close proximity to his position. The success of the operation was the direct result of Colonel *Simons*' calm and competent leadership in an extremely hazardous situation. His professional conduct instilled confidence in his men and resulted in an outstanding operation. Colonel *Simons*' extraordinary heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit on him and the United States Army.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class *Tyrone J. Adderly*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism and risk of life on 21 November 1970 while serving as a member of a Joint United States Task Force with the mission of rescuing American military personnel held as prisoners of war at Son Tay, North Vietnam. While participating in the operation, Sergeant *Adderly*, a gunner and ground guide for one of the command elements, came under heavy fire as the element approach the enemy complex. With complete disregard for his own life, Sergeant *Adderly* advanced against the hostile position and neutralized the enemy with highly accurate M-79 grenade fire. As the force moved into the complex, Sergeant *Adderly* once again came under heavy automatic weapons fire. Unhesitatingly, he assaulted the enemy position and eliminated the threat to the force. His valorous actions contributed greatly to the successful conduct of the assigned mission without the loss of a single American life. Sergeant First Class *Adderly*'s extraordinary heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit on him and the United States Army.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

W. C. WESTMORELAND,
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