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SECTION 1 - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.

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1. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

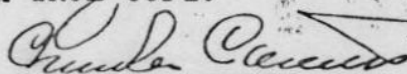
Sergeant JAMES L. ATKINS, 37066376, Company "G", 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 2 October 1944, Sergeant ATKINS led a platoon of infantry against the enemy-held town of SIVRY, FRANCE, inspiring and encouraging his men by his bold, fearless leadership. Relentlessly pressing the attack he forced his way into the town where for two days and nights he and his men tenaciously held defensive positions. On the third day the enemy counter-attacked in force, virtually surrounding the platoon, forcing them to withdraw. Sergeant ATKINS courageously held his position with another enlisted man until his men completed their withdrawal, then fought his way back through the town and was later evacuated for wounds suffered in the action. The conspicuous, heroic leadership he displayed distinguishes him as an outstanding soldier. His fearlessness and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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By Command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

HOBART R. GAY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

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CHARLES CORNETT
Capt., Infantry
Adjutant, 75th ITR.