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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, 9 July 1918, (amended by act of 25 July 1963) has posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to:

Sergeant First Class Earl R. Fillmore, Jr. for gallantry in action against an armed hostile force on 3 October 1993, during Operation UNOSOM II in Mogadishu, Somalia. Sergeant First Class Fillmore was the point man for the assault force that conducted an air assault raid into an enemy compound and successfully apprehended two key militia officials and twenty-two other soldiers. During the operation, an MH-60 helicopter was shot down by enemy fire approximately a half mile from the target area. Sergeant Fillmore was responsible for point security of the assault force as they moved through the streets of Mogadishu, which was a responsibility he gave his life to execute. As a result of Sergeant First Class Fillmore's superior expertise, members of the assault force are alive today that would have been killed or injured. Sergeant First Class Fillmore never hesitated to brazen enemy fire to safeguard the life of a team member. Sergeant First Class Fillmore was also the first to be shot at and the first to return fire while the remainder of the assault force took cover. Sergeant First Class Fillmore's leadership, professionalism, gallantry in the face of enemy fire, and complete disregard for his own life to save fellow comrades reflects the highest credit upon himself, his command, and the United States Army.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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