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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AD 600-5, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel John E. Kelly, 020156, Infantry, 378th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 April 1945. Observing his assault troops falter when a strong wind lifted a smoke screen from a heavily defended bridge, Colonel Kelly moved into the midst of murderous enemy fire to firmly reorganize his forces. Standing on a railroad embankment, he hurled grenades at enemy machine gun positions fifty yards away, while directing mortar fire and adjusting the smoke concentration. Then, with his men full of new confidence, he led a relentless assault on the bridge, taking it intact and capturing 161 of the enemy. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Colonel Kelly reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant William E. Dooley, 01010286, Cavalry, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 5 October 1944. Despite the fact that his tank had received a direct hit and he himself was seriously wounded and suffering from shock, Lieutenant Dooley refused evacuation and continued with his mission. His dauntless display of courage in the face of heavy enemy fire despite his wounds, Lieutenant Dooley was a material factor in his company successfully taking its objective. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Lieutenant Dooley reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from N.Y.

Technical Sergeant Charles E. Scobry, 37198525, Infantry, 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 February 1945. Sergeant Scobry successfully crossed the Roer River and established a bridgehead in a factory. Later, realizing that it would be impossible to cross the stream in force, Sergeant Scobry with one volunteer and eight prisoners recrossed the river. He then reported to the Battalion Commander, informing him that it was possible to cross in boats at the site where he did and volunteered to shuttle the men over. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Scobry reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant William L. Rickette, 34666402, Infantry, 119th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in France on 29 June 1944. While on a reconnaissance patrol behind the enemy lines, Sergeant Rickette discovered a severely wounded soldier lying in a mine field. Undaunted by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Rickette immediately went to the soldier's aid. Although he realized that it would be almost impossible to get back to friendly lines alone, Sergeant

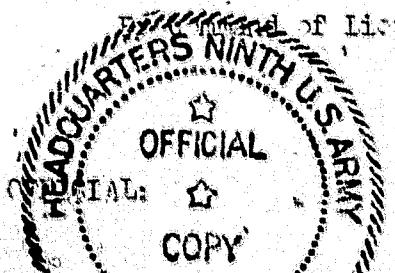
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Pickette carried his comrade through enemy fire and past numerous enemy outposts whose fire forced him to seek shelter time after time. When he reached the bank of a river, he obtained a boat and took his comrade across to safety. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Pickette reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Donald N. Radtke, 36810492, Infantry, 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 31 March 1945. Three hundred yards from their objective, Sergeant Radtke's platoon was pinned down by fierce enemy machine gun fire which emanated from a burning house. Alone, Sergeant Radtke advanced to the inferno in which the enemy was making a desperate last stand. He shot one member of the hostile crew and then entered the house where he killed the second crew member. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Radtke reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wis.

II. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular No 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 465th Engineer Depot Company, for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 24 June 1944 to 23 August 1944, the 465th Engineer Depot Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 465th Engineer Depot Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.



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