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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.  
II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS).

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 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:

Captain Donald W. Applegate, 01323510, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry 269th Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in France on 2 February 1945. In the face of a heavy enemy counterattack supported by tanks, Captain Applegate directed his company to a reorganization point under command of the executive officer and remained behind with one platoon to cover their reorganization. He then blasted a hole in the rear wall of a building with a bazooka, led his men through, gathering stragglers on the way and fought successfully to contain the enemy attack. With the support of a tank platoon, Captain Applegate refused to yield to the overwhelming enemy forces and soon established an impregnable line at the edge of the town. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Captain Applegate reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Captain Robert B. Dexter, 01288021, Infantry, 406th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany from 23 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. Captain Dexter expertly organized an outstanding defense and led his rifle company in a series of furious attacks in a manner so courageous that his men were inspired to great success despite the intense artillery and mortar fire they were forced to penetrate. Attacking at the head of his riflemen, Captain Dexter, by his superior leadership and outstanding courage, prevented many casualties to his unit and was responsible for inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Captain Dexter reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Raymond O. Cocannouer, 6559439, (then Sergeant), Infantry, 345th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 February 1945. Leading his four man squad in the attack on an enemy held town under severe artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Cocannouer, though wounded in the foot, stopped only long enough to remove the fragment and continued in the attack. He led a fierce assault upon an unknown number of hostile troops killing several and forcing the others to flee. In fearless pursuit through an icy stream he forced the retreating enemy into town where he cornered and captured twenty of them and continued to clear the surrounding buildings of snipers, killing five. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Cocannouer reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

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II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-47, 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 posthumously awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Clarence K. Hollingsworth, 0414351, Infantry, 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 14 April 1945. As he neared an enemy tank, Colonel Hollingsworth undauntedly crawled forward and launched a bazooka round at the tank, hitting the turret and killing two of the enemy instantly. After setting the tank afire with two rounds of white phosphorous he returned to his battalion. Proceeding his men into an enemy town, Colonel Hollingsworth and two other men set out on a house to house campaign of routing the enemy, killing and capturing a large number of the enemy. Satisfied that the town was clear, Colonel Hollingsworth was severely wounded by enemy fire while returning to his unit. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Colonel Hollingsworth reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Jimmie D. Walton, 44005824, Infantry, 290th Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 April 1945. Well in advance of the company, a two man bazooka team became entangled in a mesh of barbed wire. Seeing the position of the two men become more precarious under prevalent enemy fire, Private Walton slowly worked himself toward the entanglement and cut the wire to free them. Continuing, he cut a path forward through which the company passed. Suddenly an enemy machine gun opened up directing its fire upon him. Instead of seeking cover, Private Walton started forward intent upon eliminating the gun single handed but was mortally wounded before reaching it. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Private Walton reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

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