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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 600-48, 23 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 Raymond B. Marlin, O31899, 23rd Infantry Regiment, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 26 July 1944, as the battalion commanded by Colonel Marlin moved forward in an attack on a heavily fortified enemy stronghold, the communication lines from the assault companies were destroyed by devastating enemy artillery fire. Colonel Marlin courageously left his observation post and personally advanced, attempting to contact his advance companies. Although constantly under complete enemy observation and artillery and mortar fire, he persisted in going forward to contact his units. Only after being twice wounded would he consent to return to his observation post. In making this hazardous return, Colonel Marlin was again wounded. Disregarding the three wounds, he refused to be evacuated to safety but remained at his post directing operations until his battalion executive officer arrived and his regimental commander ordered him to withdraw. His extraordinary heroism and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Major Lloyd J. Pick, O35316, 9th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 31 July 1944, near St Symphorien les Buthes Craucy, France, when the battalion under Major Pick's command was subjected to intense fire from enemy artillery and machine guns, he ordered one company to move off to the right and assault the objective from the flank. After fierce fighting, this company attack came to a halt. Major Pick moved to the front and saw that his men were beginning to withdraw. He quickly reorganized the units and personally led the assault which captured the objective. Later in the day when darkness had fallen and the battalion was ordered to continue its advance, Major Pick again, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, bolstered the morale of his men and inspired them to follow him as he assumed the duty of a leading scout. Three days later, while again leading an attack by his battalion, Major Pick was wounded by enemy mortar fire. Before he would relinquish his command or permit himself to be evacuated, he made certain that all members of his staff and his superiors were fully acquainted with the situation and his plan of action. His extraordinary heroism and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Gaylin Gray, 18038647, 23rd Infantry Regiment, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. During an attack on enemy positions near le Bois de la Roche, France, on 26 July 1944, Sergeant Gray and his squad were instructed to eliminate an enemy

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machine gun emplacement which had stopped the advance of his entire company. During the assault, every man in the squad was killed or wounded. Sargeant Gley, though badly wounded in the leg, disregarded his wound and without fear or hesitation, continued the advance alone, crawling through short grass, still exposed to this machine gun's fire. As he approached the machine gun nest, he was again wounded, this time by an enemy hand grenade. Again, oblivious of his wounds, he actually pulled the enemy gun from its emplacement and emptied his rifle into the nest. He then threw two hand grenades into the dugout, killing all three members of the gun crew. The success of this single-handed mission enabled the attack to sweep on to its objective. His extraordinary heroism and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS). 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 posthumously awarded to:

Brigadier General Nelson K. Walker, 07642, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 9 July 1944, while making a tour of the division front, General Walker observed that an attacking company had been halted by enemy fire from well concealed positions. The company commander was incapacitated due to wounds and the company on the verge of complete disorganization. General Walker, entirely disregarding his own personal safety and with conspicuous gallantry, hastily reorganized the company and personally led the decisive assault until he was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. His daring and determination instilled confidence in the inexperienced combat troops and inspired the successful conclusion of the attack. His extraordinary heroism and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

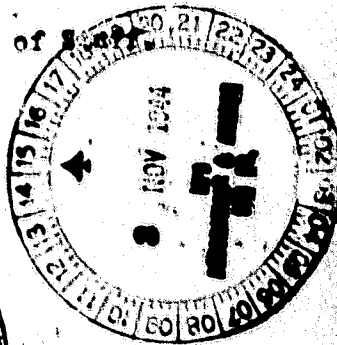
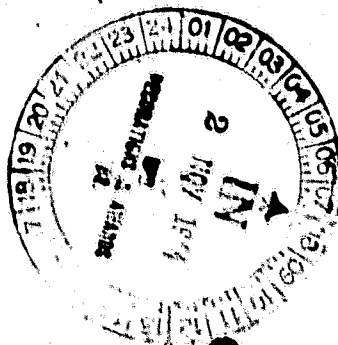


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