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UNITED STATES ARMY.**

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14 June 1945

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**I--DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1942, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

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Captain Donald C. Pence (Army Serial No 025971), Infantry, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, as Company Commander, Company "B", 275th Infantry, on 6 February 1945, at Oberé Ohligmühle, France. Captain Pence personally elected to lead one platoon from his company in an attack across six hundred yards of open field under continuous automatic weapons and small-arms fire from the front and right flank. When the attack faltered under the devastating fire, he remained upright, encouraging his men to resume the fight. During the assault, despite serious wounds suffered while destroying an automatic weapons position with hand grenades, he continued to encourage and direct his men. Inspired by ~~Captain Pence's aggressive leadership~~, the platoon closed with the remaining enemy, silenced all guns and killed or captured the entire garrison.

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**BY COMMAND OF GENERAL KISHENHOWER:**

**T. B. LARKIN**  
Major General, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

**s/R. B. Lovett**  
**s/R. B. LOVETT**  
Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

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*Pat R. Brewer*  
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2d Lt, MAG

**s/Albert E. Sarrico**  
**s/ALBERT E. SARRICO**  
Captain, AGD.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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