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I. DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Brigadier General *George H. Weems*, , United States Army. May 1946 to September 1947.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major General *Walter M. Robertson*, , United States Army. March 1946 to September 1947.

II. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), a Silver Star for gallantry in action during the period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class *Richard H. Huffman, Jr.* (Army serial No.), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company I, 71st Infantry Regiment, on 1 May 1945, displayed gallantry in action at the Fern Pass in Austrian Tyrol. After a stubborn withdrawal over the rugged terrain, some of the enemy were surrendering to the lead platoon. Suddenly other Germans opened fire from a concealed position and those in the act of surrendering picked up their weapons and again leaped into action. As the firefight increased, Private *Huffman*, jumping into a pit, began firing on the enemy and, deliberately drawing the heavy enemy fire upon himself, covered the withdrawal of his comrades from the overwhelming hostile force. By his courageous action, in which he made the supreme sacrifice, Private *Huffman* enabled the men of his platoon to withdraw and reorganize.

III. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), a Silver Star for gallantry in action during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted man:

Major *Warren G. Fee*, (then captain), Cavalry, S-3, Combat Command B, 4th Armored Division, Army of the United States, displayed gallantry in action on 29 September 1944. While determining front-line conditions on Hill 318, Major *Fee* dismounted from his tank and personally rallied and led back

to positions from which they had been driven by German fire several elements of the 8th Tank Battalion and 51st Armored Infantry Battalion. This action of Major *Fee* resulted in retention of Hill 318 by the 4th Armored Division and provided jumping-off lines from which a counterattack, launched approximately 3 hours later, was entirely successful in complete defeat of the German attacking forces. Major *Fee's* disregard for his personal safety and his display of leadership in a critical situation were an inspiration to his fellow officers and men and in the highest tradition of the military service.

Captain *Charles A. Frances*, (then first lieutenant), Field Artillery, Army of the United States, a member of the 2d Battalion, 88th Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts, displayed gallantry in action in the Philippine Islands from 28 January to 13 February 1942. As a forward observer at the battalion observation post on Quinatuan Point, Bataan, Captain *Frances* maintained highly effective observation under continuous enemy sniper fire and patrol action, as well as heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Despite the extremely hazardous circumstances and dense jungle growth, he adjusted artillery fire and aided materially in the success of the battalion in furnishing necessary artillery fire support. Through his marked gallantry and devotion to duty, Captain *Frances* made a distinct contribution to the heroic defense of Bataan.

First Lieutenant *William A. Kapuscinski*, (then second lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company E, 121st Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action on 11 August 1944 near Pluirtuit, France. Continuing the attack against an enemy strong point, which had inflicted severe casualties on his platoon the preceding day, he led the few remaining men of his platoon, under heavy enemy fire, through barbed wire fences and mine fields before reaching an area from which they could assault the position. Aided by the covering fire of his men, Lieutenant *Kapuscinski* dashed 50 yards to the blockhouse, attacked it with grenades, and forced its surrender. Quickly consolidating his position, he aided in holding it against a determined enemy counter-attack. By his inspiring leadership and bravery, Lieutenant *Kapuscinski* enabled his battalion to make an effective penetration of the enemy defenses.

Technical Sergeant *Warren S. Quinn* (Army Serial No.) (then sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, a member of Provisional Signal Company, Bataan Defense Force, displayed gallantry in action at Bataan, Philippine Islands, on 6 January 1942. During a severe enemy artillery barrage, he courageously operated a radio set and maintained communication with the covering force after all other personnel of his section had scattered to the rear. When ordered to withdraw, he, unassisted and under fire, evacuated all of the equipment of his section, saving the much needed supplies. Through his gallant action and unrelenting devotion to duty, Sergeant *Quinn* made a distinct contribution to the heroic defense of Bataan.

Captain *Jack J. Yelton*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States, a member of the 55th Fighter Squadron, on 5 April 1944, displayed gallantry in action near Hanover, Germany, where his airplane was hit by flak, destroying the instruments, shattering the canopy, and wounding him. Regaining consciousness at only 1,500 feet, he sighted an enemy fighter as he pulled out and, closing on the airplane, sent a burst of fire that caused it to explode and crash to the ground. Immediately, he saw another enemy airplane and, despite his rough engines, sent it down in flames. After that, his engines stopped completely. Sighting a landing strip, he decided to crash land and, thrown clear in the crash, landed on the runway severely injured. Captain *Yelton* inflicted heavy losses and damage by his determination to carry the fight to the enemy.

IV. LEGION OF MERIT.—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 20 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *Richard H. Agnew*, O1956, General Staff Corps, United States Army. December 1943 to December 1944.

Colonel *Edward M. Curley*, Veterinary Corps, United States Army. July 1942 to September 1944.

Colonel *Verne C. Fryklund*, (then lieutenant colonel), Infantry Army of the United States. March 1942 to March 1943.

Colonel *Robert G. Howie*, Infantry, United States Army. December 1941 to February 1943.

Colonel *Chauncey B. Howland*, Quartermaster Corps (Cavalry), United States Army. June to October 1944.

Colonel *Mazimiano S. Janairo*, (then lieutenant colonel), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 8 December 1941 to 9 April 1942.

Colonel *Cornelius A. Lichirte*, (then lieutenant colonel), Cavalry, United States Army. 1 December 1944 to 17 April 1945. (This award supersedes the awards of a Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster), for service from 1 December 1944 to 6 January 1945, and a Bronze Star Medal (second Oak-Leaf Cluster), for service from 19 February to 17 April 1945, to Colonel *Lichirte*, as published in General Orders 8, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, 10 January 1945, and General Orders 282, Headquarters 10th Armored Division, 16 September 1945, respectively.)

Lieutenant Colonel *Avery W. Masters*, Field Artillery, United States Army. October 1944 to December 1945. (This award supersedes the award of a Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Colonel *Masters*, for service from 27 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, as published in General Orders 138, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 April 1945.)

Colonel *Ralph M. Tovell*, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. September 1942 to July 1945. (This award supersedes the award of a Bronze Star Medal to Colonel *Tovell*, for service from 28 September 1942 to 15 May 1944, as published in General Orders 5, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, 21 January 1945.)

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 20 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

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Colonel *Clarin R. Smith*, General Staff Corps (Corps of Engineers), United States Army. June 1945 to June 1947.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 20 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit (second Oak-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Colonel *Harold D. Kehm*, Field Artillery, United States Army. 13 April to 28 July 1945.

V. LEGION OF MERIT.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier *Reginald Vernon Hume*, British Army. February 1943 to November 1944.

Wing Commander *Edward C. Smith-Ross*, Royal Air Force. July 1942 to September 1945.

VI. DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), a Distinguished-Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *Landon P. Tanner*, , Air Corps, United States Army. 1 May to 15 August 1947.

VII. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class *George R. Allan* (Army serial No.), Corps of Military Police, Army of the United States, on 17 May 1946, displayed heroism at Heidelberg, Germany. Acting as military policeman at the scene of an automobile accident, he suddenly saw a team of runaway horses charging down the street, dragging the driver under the wagon perilously near the heavy wheels. Quickly, and at great risk to his life, Private *Allan* dodged through the heavy traffic and reached the reins of the first horse. Dragging for nearly 2 blocks beside the threshing animals, he doggedly held on and finally brought the horses to a halt. In saving the driver of the wagon from further injury and preventing harm to the surrounding civilians, Private *Allan* displayed soldierly courage and determination that did much to reflect credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Wylie Bell* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States, displayed heroism at the risk of his life in Alaska on 11 August 1947. When a fellow soldier, after being forced to release his handhold on the pontoon of a taxiling seaplane, fell into the near freezing and swiftly moving Naknek River clad in winter flying equipment and hip boots, Sergeant *Bell* unhesitatingly swam to his aid, despite the grave personal danger. Through his outstanding bravery in accomplishing the rescue of the stricken man, Sergeant *Bell* did much to reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States.

Private First Class *George J. Szabo* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States, on 21 May 1947, heroically risked his life to save a brother soldier from drowning when a truck of a four-truck convoy plunged through the bridge guardrail into a river near Iri, Korea. When the vehicle plunged into the river, the driver and a Korean laborer were pinned in the cab. An attempt was made to reach the vehicle by boat, but was unsuccessful because of the swift current. Private *Szabo* then dived into the river, succeeded in reaching the vehicle, and freed the driver from the cab.

VIII. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military opera-

tions against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

- First Lieutenant *John R. Aldrich*, (then second lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to January 1945.
- Major *Joseph M. Beseda*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. 9 February to 15 August 1945.
- Major *Wendell S. Dove*, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. December 1942 to May 1943.
- Staff Sergeant *Milton S. Drucy, Jr.* (Army serial No.) (then sergeant), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. 29 April 1942.
- Major *Nelson L. Drummond, Jr.*, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. July 1944 to March 1946.
- Technical Sergeant *Joseph H. Epstein* (Army Serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. May 1944 to August 1945.
- Staff Sergeant *Emil C. Essig* (Army Serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 7 July 1944 to 25 February 1945.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Ellery C. Gay*, (then major), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. November 1944 to April 1945.
- Major *Donald P. Glover*, (then captain), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. September 1944 to August 1945.
- Master Sergeant *James T. Jenkins*, (Army Serial No.) (then technical sergeant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.
- Captain *Henry Kartarik*, (then first lieutenant), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. December 1944 through August 1945.
- Captain *James C. Larson*, (then second lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States. 17 August through September 1944.
- Technical Sergeant *James L. Lovingood* (Army Serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.
- Master Sergeant *Harold W. Mattes* (Army Serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.
- Technical Sergeant *Fayette A. Nutter, Jr.* (Army Serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. January 1944 to June 1945.
- Captain Commandant *Maurice Georges Auguste Marie Polet*, Belgian Army. October 1944 to May 1945.
- Second Lieutenant *John J. Quinlan*, (then staff sergeant), Army of the United States. 5 September to 15 December 1944.
- Master Sergeant *Leland V. Reed* (Army Serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.
- Master Sergeant *Martin L. Rothschild* (Army Serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.
- Staff Sergeant *Anthony M. Silveri* (Army Serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.
- Master Sergeant *Thomas B. Tindall* (Army Serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.
- Master Sergeant *Benjamin C. Vaughan* (Army Serial No.) (then technical sergeant), Adjutant General's Department, Army of the United States. October 1944 to March 1945.
- Private First Class *Vince P. Venuti* (Army Serial No.) (then private), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. July to September 1944.
- First Lieutenant *Paul A. Wagner*, Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. December 1944 to July 1945.

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Staff Sergeant *Allen J. Wares* (Army Serial No. _____), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *George O. Woolsey*, (then major), Infantry, Army of the United States. May to December 1945.

Master Sergeant *Thomas E. Wynne* (Army Serial No. _____) (then technical sergeant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *William R. Boyd, III*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. 21 January to 24 May 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Peter W. Garland, Jr.*, Infantry, United States Army. March to May 1945.

Major *Benjamin F. Stakes*, (then captain), Infantry, Army of the United States. December 1941 to 9 April 1942.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal (second Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Jonathan O. Seaman*, General Staff Corps (Field Artillery), United States Army. April 1942 through July 1943.

IX. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade *Robert D. Adams* (Army serial No. _____), Medical Department, Army of the United States, a member of the 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, on 14 September 1944, distinguished himself by heroic action at the Moselle River in Europe. Under fire of an enemy counterattack supported by tanks, artillery, and heavy mortars, he, with a medical officer, reconnoitered a route for casualty evacuation, then led a medical section through an exposed area to an aid station. Later, driving through enemy territory in 2 jeeps to get 12 very seriously wounded men to medical care, Technician *Adams* and the officer encountered heavy German automatic small-arms fire. Boldly breaking out and relying on speed and evasion, they daringly passed an alerted German outpost. Suddenly a barrage of enemy mortar fire bracketed the vehicle and fragments punctured a tire. Unable to drive on, the group was overtaken by the enemy patrol and captured. Technician *Adams*, in his determination to aid the casualties, demonstrated outstanding initiative and personal courage that reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant *Robert E. Harden*, (then second lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company E, 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, on 18 January 1945, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near Echternach, Luxembourg. To secure a crossing point on the Sauer River for the 2d Battalion, he led his platoon against a strong enemy position under heavy small-arms and machine-gun fire. Seriously wounded by an enemy mine, he continued to direct his platoon, assuring neutralization

of the enemy strong point before he permitted himself to be evacuated. By his heroic action, Lieutenant *Harden*, made a distinct contribution to the success of the battalion's attack.

Staff Sergeant *Joseph T. Sweeney* (Army serial No.) (then sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, as forward observer with the Cannon Company, 276th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near Forbach, France, on 26 February 1945. When his forward observation post and communication wire were partially destroyed by a heavy concentration of enemy rocket fire, he dashed across open ground and, in full view of the enemy, repaired the wire. Regaining his post, Sergeant *Sweeney* directed supporting cannon fire which successfully destroyed the hostile rocket weapon.

X. AIR MEDAL.—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (WD Bul. 25, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (WD Bul. 49, 1942), an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant *Joseph P. Andreios*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. 1 May to 15 August 1947.

First Lieutenant *James M. Bailey, Jr.*, , Air Corps, United States Army. 1 May to 15 August 1947.

Sergeant *Gene A. Garmer* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 1 May to 15 August 1947.

Second Lieutenant *Walter H. Hudek*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. 1 May to 15 August 1947.

Second Lieutenant *Wyatt L. Law*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 1 May to 15 August 1947.

Brigadier General *Eduard J. McGaw*, , United States Army. February to May 1945.

First Lieutenant *James B. Samuel*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. 1 May to 15 August 1947.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (WD Bul. 25, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (WD Bul. 49, 1942), an Air Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major General *Thomas D. White*, , United States Army. September 1944 to August 1945.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (WD Bul. 25, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (WD Bul. 49, 1942), an Air Medal (second Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *Joseph H. Wack*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. 1 May to 15 August 1947.

XI. ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON.—1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 17.1, AR 600-45, the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted women:

Colonel *Raymond O. Barlow*, , Infantry, United States Army. June to December 1946.

Lieutenant Colonel *Dean M. Benson*, , Field Artillery, United States Army. October 1945 to July 1947.

Technician Fourth Grade *Barbara M. Cruden* (Army serial No.),
Women's Army Corps, Army of the United States. June 1946 to
May 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles S. Cutting*, , Infantry, Army of the
United States. September 1943 to July 1944.

Colonel *Frederick B. Dodge, Jr.*, , General Staff Corps (Coast Artillery Corps), United States Army. June 1946 to February 1947.

Colonel *John M. Ferguson*, , Infantry, United States Army, January
1946 to January 1947.

Colonel *Harold L. Jones*, , Air Corps, United States Army. September
1946 to February 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *Ned P. King, Jr.*, , Air Corps, Army of the
United States. October 1945 to July 1946.

Lieutenant Colonel *David J. McFadden*, , Infantry, Army of the
United States. July 1946 to February 1947.

Technician Fourth Grade *Helena Nederik* (Army serial No.),
Women's Army Corps, Army of the United States. August 1945
to May 1947.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 17.1, AR 600-45, the Army Commendation Ribbon (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *Horace I. Rogers*, , Infantry, Army of the
United States. April 1946 to February 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *Floyd A. Rutherford*, , Field Artillery, Army of
the United States. May 1946 to January 1947.

Colonel *Otto B. Trigg*, , Cavalry, United States Army. June 1946 to
January 1947.

XII. SILVER STAR.—So much of paragraph 1, section IV, WD General Orders 83, 1946, as pertains to Sergeant *Martin W. Keane*, Coast Artillery Corps, as reads "a Silver Star was awarded" is amended to read "a Silver Star (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) was awarded" and so much as reads "(Army serial No. 6707481)" is amended to read "(Army serial No. 6907481)."

XIII. LEGION OF MERIT.—So much of paragraph 4, section III, WD General Orders 76, 1947, pertaining to Colonel *Joseph A. Guimond*, Judge Advocate General's Department, as reads "Colonel *Joseph A. Guimond*, O26379," is amended to read "Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph A. Guimond*, O26379 (then colonel)."

XIV. BATTLE HONORS.—So much of section II, WD General Orders 16, 1947, as amended by section VII, WD General Orders 66, 1947, pertaining to the *405th Infantry Regiment* and supporting units, is further amended by adding the following unit:

251st Engineer Combat Battalion (less Company B).

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OFFICIAL:

H. B. LEWIS

Brigadier General.

Acting The Adjutant General

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
Chief of Staff, United States Army

