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

Colonel *Kenneth H. Bitting*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States.  
1 February 1944 to 31 May 1945. (This award supersedes the awards, to Colonel *Bitting*, of the Bronze Star Medal for service from January to December 1944, as published in General Orders 84, Headquarters Air Service Command, United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 18 December 1944, and the Army Commendation Ribbon for service during the same period.)

Colonel *Thomas J. Heavey*, , Cavalry, United States Army. April to October 1945. (This award supersedes the awards, to Colonel *Heavey*, of the Bronze Star Medal, for service from 24 April to 25 May 1945, as published in General Orders 131, Headquarters, Services of Supply, United States Forces, China Theater, 8 October 1945, and any Army Commendation Ribbon for service during the same period. Par. 8, sec. VI, General Orders 28, WD, 1946, pertaining to the award of the Legion of Merit (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Colonel *Heavey*, for service from June to October 1945, is rescinded.)

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

Private *Wilbur F. Gober* (Army serial No. ), Infantry, Army of the United States, a rifleman with Company A, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, displayed gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 at Erde, Holland. In a determined attack to clear a forest area and force the enemy out of the woods, he advanced with his unit through heavy hostile fire, killing several of the enemy gunners. Coming again to the edge of the woods, then into open terrain under the full sweep of German fire, he suddenly saw a comrade fall from an enemy bullet. Immediately he ran forward to the clearing and, advancing through the hail of enemy rifle and small-arms fire, approached the fallen man when suddenly he was hit by a German bullet. Still advancing, disregarding his mortal wound, Private *Gober* reached the soldier and, in the continuing fire, successfully helped him back to the woods and first aid treatment. Dying of wounds from this heroic action, Private *Gober* made the supreme sacrifice for his comrade in a manner in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

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

Sergeant *Pat J. Lindsay* (Army serial No. \_\_\_\_\_), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company A, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by gallantry in action, on 5 October 1944, near Driel, Holland. His unit was attacking in an apple orchard against heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from an enemy strong point. A comrade, trying to advance his machine gun to a better position, was seriously wounded. Sergeant *Lindsay*, supervising his squad in a nearby drainage ditch, immediately arose, crawled over the open ground under withering machine-gun fire, and pulled his comrade back 75 feet to the drainage ditch. The fearless, courageous, and unselfish act of Sergeant *Lindsay* was an inspiration to his platoon.

Lieutenant Colonel *Carlos B. McAfee*, (then major), Judge Advocate General's Department, United States Army, exhibited gallantry in action in the Philippine Islands while serving as assistant, G-3, Philippine Division, and as liaison officer between Bataan Force Headquarters and Headquarters Philippine Division from 24 December 1941 to 5, 11, and 20 January 1942. Colonel *McAfee* displayed exceptional courage and competence on numerous hazardous liaison missions. Through his efficiency and devotion to duty, he made a distinct contribution to the heroic defense of Bataan.

Private First Class *Marvin D. Meyers* (Army serial No. \_\_\_\_\_) (then private), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company F, 407th Infantry Regiment, 102d Division, displayed gallantry in action, on 2 December 1944, at Flossdorf, Germany. In a battalion attack on the village, when learning that his battalion commander needed a runner to reach another company, he volunteered to deliver the important message. Leaving his position of shelter, he ran into heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire which ranged over the field. Stopping midway in the flat, fire-swept terrain, he attended two badly wounded infantrymen and, amid the hail of enemy bullets, gave them first aid before continuing his mission. Private *Meyers'* heroic courage and determination demonstrated in the voluntary performance of his mission are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

**IV. LEGION OF MERIT.**—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 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:

Colonel *Lewis A. Dayton*, Air Corps, United States Army. November 1944 to June 1945. (This award supersedes the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel *Dayton*, for service from 14 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, as published in General Orders 2379, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, 15 April 1945.)

Captain *Paul E. Lyon*, Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. May 1945 to May 1947.

Major *Hugo E. Rogers*, (then captain), Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. March 1943 to May 1944. (This award supersedes the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Major *Rogers* as approved by the Commanding General, New York Port of

Embarkation. So much of par. 1, sec. XI, General Orders 16, Department of the Army, 1947, pertaining to the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Major *Rogers*, for service during the same period, is rescinded.)

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 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:

Colonel *William R. Philp*, , Field Artillery, United States Army. August 1945 to May 1947.

**V..LEGION OF MERIT.**—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Air Commodore *Sydney O. Bufton*, Royal Air Force. June 1942 to February 1944.

Major General *Edgar Cornet*, French Army. March 1943 to August 1945.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 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:

Lieutenant Colonel *R. S. S. Allen*, British Army. January to December 1944.

Colonel *Llewellyn Arthur Augustus Alston*, British Army. September 1944 to May 1945.

Captain *Propicio Machado Alves*, Brazilian Army. October 1945 to March 1947.

Major *C. M. Berkeley*, British Army. February 1942 to May 1943.

Colonel *Etienne Leon Caminade*, French Army. 24 January 1943 to 19 October 1944 and 28 July 1945 to 30 August 1946.

Lieutenant Colonel *William M. Cunningham*, British Army. February 1943 to May 1945.

Major General *Francois Daubenton* (then colonel), Royal Netherlands Army. March to July 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *F. D. Harris*, British Army. July to November 1945.

Colonel *Alan Whiteside*, British Army. December 1943 to December 1944.

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

Lieutenant Colonel *Evaradus Baretta*, Royal Netherlands Air Force. June 1940 to September 1945.

Second Lieutenant *Jacques Barr-Nason*, French Air Force. January to November 1945.

Major *Juan Da Costa*, Honduran Army. January 1944 to March 1946.

Flight Lieutenant *F. S. Megnin*, Royal Air Force. May 1942 to July 1943.

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

Colonel *Hurley E. Fuller*, Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 20 April 1947. While driving his car in the vicinity of Luling, Texas, he saw an overturned and burning car on the road. Stopping his car, he ran to the wreck, climbed on top, and succeeded in extricating two injured passengers. While he was attending their injuries, the gas tank exploded. Colonel *Fuller's* quick thinking and prompt action, with entire disregard for his safety, undoubtedly prevented the death or serious injury of the passengers and reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant *Roland J. Perron*, Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroism on 20 May 1947 as flight engineer on a B-29 aircraft which crash-landed and burned shortly after take-off from Ladd Field, Alaska. Despite serious injuries and with utter disregard for personal safety, he successfully rescued two helpless crewmen from the burning aircraft and attempted the rescue of a third before the explosive flames drove him away. Lieutenant *Perron's* unselfish behavior was above the call of duty and is a credit to himself and the United States Air Force.

**VII..BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, Bul. 8, WD, 1944), The Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class *Robert J. Skinner* (Army serial No. ), Medical Department, Army of the United States. 30 January to 29 February 1944.

**VIII..BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, Bul. 8, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal 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 officer, warrant officers, enlisted men, and civilians:

Colonel *William Henry H. Attkin* (then lieutenant colonel), British Army. July 1942 to June 1944.

Major Doctor *Marco Alkalay*, Yugoslavian Army. June 1944 to April 1945.

Major *Jean B. Arcq*, Belgian Army. December 1944 to May 1945.

Captain-Commandant *Charles Louis Alphonse Bea*, Belgian Army. September 1944 to May 1945.

Lieutenant Commander *James O. Brooks*, United States Naval Reserve. 20 October to 31 December 1944.

Captain *Paul W. Buchanan*, (then first lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States. August 1944 to January 1945.

Private First Class *Ernest O. Burns* (Army serial No. ), Medical Department, Army of the United States. January through March 1944.

*Gaston Buy*, French civilian. 11 August 1944.

Lieutenant *Paul A. Calvet*, Supply Corps, United States Naval Reserve. 20 October to 6 November 1944.

Warrant Officer First Class *Victor A. Chevalier*, Belgian Army, September 1944 to May 1945.

- Captain *Jean R. Costa* (then first lieutenant), French Army. 21 to 25 January 1943.
- Lieutenant Colonel *John W. Counsell*, British Army. 8 to 8 May 1945.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Benjamin W. Covington, Jr.*, (then major), Cavalry, Army of the United States. September 1944 to July 1945.
- Brigadier *Stanley Herbert Crump*, New Zealand Expeditionary Force. April to May 1945.
- Sergeant *Jean Marie F. Carpentier de Changy*, Belgian Army. December 1944 to May 1945.
- Warrant Officer First Class *Guillaume Jean Baptiste Dehou*, Belgian Army. September 1944 to May 1945.
- Lieutenant Colonel *André L. De Ridder*, Belgian Army. September 1944 to May 1945.
- Warrant Officer *Robert Henri A. Devos*, Belgian Army. November 1944 to May 1945.
- Master Sergeant *Anthony di Meglio* (Army serial No. ) (then technical sergeant), Army of the United States. April 1944 to 1945.
- Major *Arturo L. Dingoog*, Infantry, Army of the United States. December 1941 to October 1945.
- Staff Sergeant *Joseph Goldstein* (Army serial No. ), Medical Department, Army of the United States. January through March 1944.
- Technician Third Grade *John O. Hewitt* (Army serial No. ), Medical Department, Army of the United States. January through March 1944.
- Warrant Officer First Class *Camille R. LaPaille*, Belgian Army. December 1944 to May 1945.
- Captain *Leon Jean Ghislain Lerot*, Belgian Army. December 1944 to May 1945.
- Technician Third Grade *Rupert K. Lunsford*, (Army Serial No. ) (then sergeant), Medical Department, Army of the United States. January through March 1944.
- Major *Charles O. J. Masuy*, Belgian Army. September 1944 to May 1945.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Robert Gregoire Mauroy*, Belgian Army. October 1944 to May 1945.
- Second Lieutenant *Francois M. A. Nagels*, Belgian Army. September 1944 to May 1945.
- Major *Carl G. Nelson*, (then captain), Air Corps, United States Army. April 1943 to September 1944.
- Major *Frederick H. Postal*, Air Corps, United States Army. April to September 1945.
- Master Sergeant *Herman O. Prast* (Army Serial No. ), Air Corps, United States Army. December 1941 to March 1943.
- Technician Fourth Grade *Robert W. Raddatz* (Army Serial No. ) (then technician fifth grade), Infantry, Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.
- Captain *Jean Jacques Rauch*, French Army. October 1944 to September 1945.

Warrant Officer *Paul Henri Robinet*, Belgian Army. December 1944 to May 1945.

*Reneé Sacchi*, French civilian. August 1944 to May 1945.

Lieutenant *Etienne Oliver Jean Saurel*, French Army. August 1944 to September 1945.

Technician Third Grade *Hubert M. Schafrank*, (Army Serial No. ) (then technician fourth grade), Medical Department, Army of the United States. January through March 1944.

Technical Sergeant *Reid K. Scott* (Army serial No. ) (then first sergeant), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. May 1944 to September 1945.

Sergeant *Harold D. Smith* (Army serial No. ) (then technician fifth grade), Medical Department, Army of the United States. January through March 1944.

*Aubrey Storey*, French civilian. August 1944 to December 1945.

Second Lieutenant *Jules Joseph Truflin*, Belgian Army. December 1944 to May 1945.

Major *Valentin C. J. Vereecke*, Belgian Army. October 1944 to May 1945.

Captain *Henri J. A. Vermeulen*, Belgian Army. October 1944 to May 1945.

Warrant Officer First Class *Jan Hubert Vyfeyken*, Belgian Army. December 1944 to May 1945.

Major *Samuel S. Whitt*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States, November 1943 to July 1944.

Lieutenant *Philip D. Wiedel*, , Medical Corps, United States Naval Reserve. 20 October to 6 November 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Jean H. R. Wintgens*, Belgian Army. December 1944 to May 1945.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, Bul. 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal (first 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 *Harold T. Lentz*, (then major), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. September 1943 to August 1944.

**IX. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, Bul. 3, WD, 1944), the 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 officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant *Robert A. Alber*, (then second lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company A, 23d Infantry Regiment, on 15 April 1945, distinguished himself by heroic achievement at Merseburg, Germany. As leader of the first platoon, he led the company into the German-held town and secured the first objective. To locate a passage across a railroad line, which was under direct enemy fire, he led a reconnaissance patrol and upon finding a route, was immediately subject to heavy enemy automatic fire. Ordering a machine gun brought up, Lieutenant *Alber* personally operated the weapon while under direct enemy fire, knocked out the hostile gun position, and cleared the route for the advance.

Captain *William M. Byrd*, (then first lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement at Hollandia Airdrome, Dutch New Guinea, on 24-25 April 1944. When an enemy shell hit a tree and burst directly over the aid station of the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, killing and wounding several medical personnel and patients, Captain Byrd, battalion communication officer, voluntarily left the safety of his fox hole and assisted the battalion surgeon in giving first aid and comfort to the wounded and dying men. With complete disregard for his safety, he worked throughout the night, often using a flash light, although it revealed his position to the enemy. Through his inspiring courage and heroic action, Captain *Byrd* upheld the finest traditions of the United States Army.

Captain *Bertram Cohen*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action, on 6 and 7 December 1944, in the Philippine Islands. On this night, Japanese ground forces assaulted the camp area of the 324th Airdrome Squadron. Enemy patrols attacked the north line of perimeter defense commanded by Captain *Cohen*. When the enemy rushed this sector Captain *Cohen* gathered together a small detachment and took them to a new position beyond the perimeter, where he set up a concentration of fire with submachine gun, carbine and automatic pistol exposing himself to enemy fire. His actions repulsed enemy soldiers who were on the verge of blasting the perimeter positions with hand grenades. Captain *Cohen's* courage reflects great honor on himself and the military service.

Master Sergeant *Arthur C. Kielblock, Jr.* (Army serial No. ) (then staff sergeant), Infantry, Army of the United States, performed heroic service, on 20 April 1945, while serving with Headquarters Company, 91st Infantry Division, in Italy. While proceeding on a reconnaissance toward the Adige River, he disregarded sniper fire and pushed on. Upon entering the town of Anglara, he joined forces with several Partisans in a fire fight with the enemy. They drove to the center of the town and apprehended 18 of the enemy. Sergeant *Kielblock's* heroic action was typical of the highest traditions of the United States Army.

Technical Sergeant *Clifford C. Miracle* (Army serial No. ) (then technician fifth grade), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company I, 5th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroic action against the enemy, on 25 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. While his platoon was advancing through a large draw, the enemy opened fire from their well-dug-in trenches on both sides. Effective automatic and rifle fire severely wounded the lead scout. Seeing the wounded man fall, Sergeant *Miracle*, the medical aid man, with total disregard for his personal safety, dashed through the pinned-down platoon and intense cross-fire to the wounded scout. While under direct observation and close-falling rifle fire, Sergeant *Miracle* promptly administered first aid and saved the life of the scout. This gallant action by Sergeant *Miracle* was an inspiration to all members of this unit and exemplified the highest traditions of the armed forces.

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

Private *Jack A. Bleffer* (Army serial No. ), Infantry, Army of the United States, a gunner with Company A, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment,

101st Airborne Division, on 25 September 1944, distinguished himself by heroic achievement at Erde, Holland. During a severe enemy counterattack, he voluntarily took over his platoon when the commander was killed by enemy fire. Quickly placing all machine guns in position, disregarding the heavy enemy fire, he stood in the open amid the hail of enemy bullets, directing the gunners and placed concentrated fire on the advancing enemy troops. By his courageous leadership and heroic determination, Private *Bleffer* successfully organized the platoon and inspired the men to hold their position in the face of the strong enemy attack.

**X. 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 man:

Lieutenant Colonel *William E. Boyd*, General Staff Corps (Air Corps), Army of the United States. January to September 1942.

Major *George F. Carter*, General Staff Corps, United States Army. September 1945 to July 1947.

Captain *John A. Coulter*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. March 1946 to November 1947.

Captain *Arthur A. Olson*, Cavalry, United States Army. May 1946 to May 1947.

Technical Sergeant *Milburn Richardson* (Army serial No. ), Air Corps, Army of the United States. July to October 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles A. Sanford*, General Staff Corps, United States Army. August 1944 through July 1947.

First Lieutenant *Amymae Young*, Army Nurse Corps, Army of the United States. July 1946 to July 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:

Colonel *Thomas K. Hampton*, (then Lieutenant colonel, Air Corps, United States Army. April 1942 to May 1948.

Colonel *Joseph Harris*, Finance Department, United States Army. October 1945 to September 1946.

**XI. ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON.**—So much of paragraph 1, section XA, General Orders 10, Department of the Army, 1947, as pertains to Captain *Donald H. Wuchter*, Quartermaster Corps, as reads Captain *Donald H. Wuchter*, O1597771," is amended to read "First Lieutenant *Donald H. Wuchter*, O1597971."

**XII. BATTLE HONORS.**—Paragraph 1, section V, General Orders 101, War Department, 1946, pertaining to the 1st Battalion, 397th Infantry Regiment, is amended by adding the following attached unit:

*Company C, 781st Tank Battalion.*

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
Chief of Staff, United States Army

