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I. SILVER STAR.—1. 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 man:

Major *William R. Morrison*, (then captain), Armored Cavalry, Army of the United States, a member of Headquarters Combat Command B, 4th Armored Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 3 and 4 December 1944. When means of radio communications were knocked out while on a liaison mission with the 71st Combat Team 7 miles away, he repeatedly drove his truck on the road between Berg and Boubacht, under German observation and heavy fires by observed German artillery and mortars, to co-ordinate details of actions between the two commands. Major *Morrison's* heroism and disregard for danger on this mission were a material factor in the reduction of Sarre Union.

Private First Class *José Vargas, Jr.* (Army serial No.) (then private, Philippine Scouts), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Headquarters Battery, 23d Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts, distinguished himself by gallantry in action at Cullis, Bataan, Philippine Islands, on 6 January 1942. During an intense artillery bombardment that disrupted all communication lines, he repeatedly braved heavy shelling to deliver vital messages between command posts. The conduct of Private *Vargas* was in the highest tradition of the military service.

2. 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 was awarded by the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, to the following-named enlisted man and is hereby confirmed:

Private *Alfred McDonald*, Northamptonshire Regiment, British Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on the Anzio Beachhead from 10 to 20 March 1944. Private *McDonald's* battalion was committed to front-line duty in a particularly active sector where there was little natural cover and in a position where all daylight movement was restricted. Communication with one company was dependent upon a single wire line, strung along a shallow wadi. This line was cut repeatedly and communications interrupted as a result of enemy shelling. For five successive nights Private *McDonald* worked under intense and continuous enemy shell fire and over ground covered by active enemy machine-gun fire in order to keep this line in repair, once laboring for nine consecutive hours before communications were restored. On the third night Private *McDonald* was grazed four times by shell fragments, but he nevertheless continued his task with determination, courage, and complete disregard for personal safety.

II. LEGION OF MERIT.—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 *Elliott J. Barnette*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. September 1945 to April 1947. (This award supersedes the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Colonel *Barnette* for service from February to March 1946.)

III. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—1. 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 period indicated was awarded by the War Department, on 7 October 1941, to the following-named enlisted man:

Master Sergeant *Matthew L. Pelikan* (Army serial No.) (then private), Air Corps, United States Army, displayed heroism in rescuing a woman from the roof of her burning home at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on the night of 27 December 1939. Upon seeing a woman trapped and in grave danger on the porch roof of her burning home and attempting to jump to the ground, following her sister who was injured in doing so, Sergeant *Pelikan* immediately cautioned the woman not to jump. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he climbed to the roof and, with great difficulty, succeeded in carrying the woman safely down to the ground, thereby saving her life. He then rushed the injured sister to the hospital, where she later died from the injuries received. Upon returning to the scene of the fire, he took the rescued woman to the same hospital. The heroism displayed by Sergeant *Pelikan* on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

2. 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 period indicated was awarded by the War Department, on 20 October 1941, to the following-named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade *Robert K. Fry* (Army serial No.) (then private), Infantry, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in saving an enlisted man from drowning in the Brazos River, near Mineral Wells, Texas, on 28 July 1941. When his companion, who could not swim, was wading in shallow water, he slipped and fell into a deep hole. Technician *Fry* suddenly realized that his companion had been under the surface too long and, without thought of his own safety, swam to the spot where he had last seen him. Upon locating the unconscious man under water, Technician *Fry* succeeded in carrying him to shore, where he immediately administered artificial respiration and thereby saved his life. The heroism displayed by Technician *Fry* on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

IV. 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 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 and enlisted man:

Captain *George E. Aikin*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. June to November 1945.

Technical Sergeant *Frederick T. Bowen* (Army serial No.) (then sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army. 7 December 1941.

Major *Anthony M. Casallo*, (then captain), Infantry, Army of the United States. March 1944 to June 1945.

Captain *William H. Darley*, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. June 1943 to November 1944.

Major *Phil W. Freund*, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. September 1943 to June 1945.

Major *Eli Goodman*, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. October 1943 to June 1945.

Captain *William F. Hogan, Jr.*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. September 1942 to January 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *James Irvine*, (then major), Air Corps, Army of the United States. November 1944 to January 1945.

Captain *Thomas M. Mann*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. 18 April to 8 August 1945.

Major *Lucius A. Perry, Jr.*, Air Corps, United States Army. 1 July 1944 to 24 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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated was awarded by the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, to the following-named officer and is hereby confirmed:

Captain *Derek F. Drewitt*, British Army. August 1944 to May 1945.

3. 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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Sergeant *Watson W. Parsons* (Army serial No.) (then private), Medical Department, Army of the United States. 2 July 1943.

Lieutenant Colonel *Olifford L. Woodliff*, Infantry, United States Army. June 1943 to June 1945.

V.—BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—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 period indicated was awarded by Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, to the following-named officer and is hereby confirmed:

Lieutenant *H. M. Payne*, Royal Dorset Regiment, Headquarters, 231st Infantry Brigade, BWFF, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 6 June 1944 in the vicinity of Colleville sur Mer, France. Lieutenant *Payne* headed the British liaison party that was attached to the 16th Infantry Regiment for the invasion. Coming ashore soon after the first wave, he was under fire of artillery, mortars, and machine guns direct to his front. Disregarding his safety, he continually exposed himself to enemy fire to observe and report vital facts concerning the foe and their positions. Heedless of imminent danger, Lieutenant *Payne* persisted in his work throughout the engagement and secured essential and important information.

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

Lieutenant *Michael J. Hoastick*, United States Coast Guard. August 1946 to March 1947.

Captain *Omer E. Mason*, Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. April 1947 to October 1948.

Master Sergeant *Constantinos J. Pappandreu* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. March 1947 to August 1948.

Captain *Leonard Rappert*, (then first lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States. February 1946 to August 1948.

Major *Charles A. Reinhard*, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. September 1945 to July 1948.

First Lieutenant *Robert J. Reistroffer*, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. January 1946 to April 1948.

First Lieutenant *Karl H. Roberts*, Infantry, Army of the United States. February 1946 to February 1947.

Major *Porter A. Stephens*, Sanitary Engineer, United States Public Health Service. January 1944 to December 1946.

Major *Thomas H. Unger*, Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. July to September 1948.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 17.1, AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon for meritorious achievement on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class *Theodo Brown* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. 30 May 1948.

VII. BATTLE HONORS.—1. So much of paragraph 9, General Orders 66, War Department, 1945, pertaining to ~~the 32d Field Artillery Battalion~~, is amended to include *Battery C, 105th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (Automatic Weapons)*.

2. So much of section II, General Orders 19, War Department, 1947, pertaining to the *417th Regimental Combat Team*, is amended to include *Battery C, 778th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion*.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

OMAR N. BRADLEY

Chief of Staff, United States Army