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I..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 man:

Brigadier General *Macario Peralta, Jr.,* (then lieutenant colonel), Philippine Army, displayed gallantry in action, on 3 May 1942, while serving as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 61st Division (Philippine Army), on Panay, Philippine Islands. He demonstrated conspicuous courage and resourcefulness in leading a patrol deep into Japanese-held territory to obtain information concerning the disposition of enemy forces. As a result of data obtained from a prisoner captured in a hand-to-hand skirmish with an enemy foraging detail, General *Peralta* was later able to prepare plans to effectively meet an attack launched against the division's position. General *Peralta's* courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant *Joseph J. Pogonowski* (Army serial No.) (then corporal), Infantry, Army of the United States, as light machine-gun section leader, Company K, 134th Infantry Regiment, on 26 April 1945, displayed gallantry in action near Kehnert, Germany. He was on guard at his outpost when an enemy force of SS Troopers crossed the Elbe River in a predawn assault and attacked his position. Immediately, he gave the command to open fire. When the number one gunner was hit, Sergeant *Pogonowski* fired the weapon himself against the attackers. Seeing a German lieutenant waving his handkerchief and advancing as if to surrender, he watched him sharply. When the enemy officer tried to hurl a grenade into the position, Sergeant *Pogonowski* quickly killed him. Refusing to leave his position and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy force, Sergeant *Pogonowski* did much to frustrate an enemy attempt to evacuate large quantities of arms and personnel across the Elbe River.

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 for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Paul W. McCollum,* , Infantry, Army of the United States. 14 June to 6 October 1944.

III..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 and enlisted man:

Colonel *George R. Carey*, , Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. May 1945 to June 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *John H. Hay, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. 7 December 1941 to May 1945. (This award supersedes the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Colonel *Hay*, for service from 19 February to 10 March 1945, as published in General Orders 26, Headquarters 10th Mountain Division, 15 March 1945.)

Lieutenant Colonel *John R. Hellams, Jr.*, (then major), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. 21 October 1942 to 12 November 1943.

Colonel *Robert J. Hoffman*, , Infantry, United States Army. December 1941 to April 1942.

Colonel *William F. MacFee*, , Medical Corps, Army of the United States. October 1943 to February 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles F. Mitchim*, , General Staff Corps (Corps of Engineers), United States Army. May 1942 to August 1943.

Master Sergeant *Walter A. Rube* (Army serial No.), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. March 1944 to September 1945.

Captain *Jean P. Teas, Jr.*, , Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. January 1943 through December 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Willard G. Teed*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. March 1944 to September 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *John D. Van Geem*, (then major), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. June 1942 to December 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Ellis W. Williamson*, Infantry, United States Army. 10 October 1944 to 23 February 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 (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 *Wilbur E. Dunkelberg*, , Infantry, United States Army. March to December 1942.

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

First Lieutenant *Moody W. Hall*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. 6 September 1946.

V. 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 is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Master Sergeant *Cecil B. Steele* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States, a member of the Shanghai Detachment, Station Complement, Army Advisory Group, distinguished himself by heroism, on 9 April 1947, in combatting a serious 15-hour fire which threatened to destroy valuable Government supplies and equipment at United States Army installations in Shanghai, China. At great personal risk, he voluntarily climbed a wet and slippery turntable ladder, which was in poor condition, to a height of approximately 70 feet, carrying with him a heavy pneumatic drill. At this precarious height and from an insecure support, Sergeant *Steele* drilled a hole through a heavily constructed brick wall. Despite flames, smoke, and gasses, he continued to enlarge the hole until it was large enough to get at the fire, thereby enabling firemen to effectively combat the blaze which had been raging unchecked. As a result of Sergeant *Steele's* heroic act, several hundred thousand dollars worth of Government property was saved.

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 Commanding General, European Theater, to the following-named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade *Michael J. Halpin* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Signal Corps, Army of the United States, on 8 May 1945, without regard for his own safety, volunteered at Munich, Germany, to rescue civilians from a dangerous zone where exploding ammunition had caused nearby tank cars to burst and pour blazing gasoline over the yards. He made repeated trips into the flaming area to rescue the dazed and wounded people. Technician *Halpin's* action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

VI. 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 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 officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Alfred W. Lawson*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. August 1942 to May 1945.

VII. 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 is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Private *James A. Ryan, Jr.* (Army serial No.), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company D, 502d Parachute Infantry, while acting in the capacity of platoon scout, displayed heroism on 6 June 1944 near Turqueville, France. He was fired upon by an enemy machine-gun outpost as he was crossing a hedgerow. Despite his exposed position, Private *Ryan* returned the fire and then reported to his platoon leader the location and disposition of the enemy. This information enabled the platoon to dispose of the enemy outpost without casualties. As the platoon continued its advance, Private *Ryan* resumed his position as scout and was again fired upon by an enemy group from behind

a hedgerow. Private *Ryan*, despite a heavy concentration of enemy small-arms fire directed at himself, returned the fire and, disregarding all thought of personal safety, advanced across the open field, firing as he went, to the hedgerow behind which the enemy was situated. Here he courageously and aggressively engaged the enemy group until he was killed. Private *Ryan's* action enabled his platoon to continue its advance while the enemy fire was directed on himself.

VIII. 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 men:

Staff Sergeant *Jerome M. Allen* (Army serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

Captain *Wilbur B. Boemermann*, , Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. 9 to 23 September 1944.

Major *Thomas E. Brown*, (then captain), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. December 1944 to May 1945.

Captain *John S. Cooper*, (then first lieutenant), Corps of Military Police, Army of the United States. August 1944 to August 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Ian F. Fraser*, (then captain), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 15 May to 5 October 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph W. Hensel*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. October 1944 to March 1945.

Colonel *Cranston W. Holman*, (then lieutenant colonel), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. 14 to 20 January 1945.

Colonel *Warren P. Jones*, (then lieutenant colonel), Infantry, Army of the United States. April 1943 to February 1944.

Second Lieutenant *Philip F. Kiefer*, (then technical sergeant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

Master Sergeant *Francis R. Kimball* (Army serial No.) (then staff sergeant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

Staff Sergeant *William L. King* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. June 1944 to August 1945.

First Lieutenant *Marvin F. Leazer*, (then technical sergeant), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 23 May to 12 September 1942.

Master Sergeant *Adelard Levesque* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 10 to 14 November 1942.

Technical Sergeant *Arthur M. Lindberg* (Army serial No. RA6861758) (then first sergeant), Signal Corps, United States Army. April 1944 to June 1945.

Staff Sergeant *Joseph A. Lubinski* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 7 April to 19 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant *Rufus W. Marshall* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 24 August 1944.

First Sergeant *John J. McCarthy* (Army serial No.) (then staff sergeant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *John W. Ottinger*, (then major), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. February to September 1945.

Captain *Thomas D. Owen*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Clare Passink*, , Transportation Corps (Infantry), United States Army. May 1942 to April 1943.

Captain *John F. Sadler, Jr.*, (then first lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States. 5 August to 15 October 1945.

Master Sergeant *Joseph Sajner* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 through August 1945.

First Sergeant *Clyde Terry, Jr.* (Army serial No.) (then master sergeant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

Master Sergeant *Henry W. Wilken* (Army serial No.) (then technical sergeant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945.

First Sergeant *Elbert B. Williams* (Army serial No.), Cavalry, United States Army. 5 to 12 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant *Benedict Zupi* (Army serial No.) (then technical sergeant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. June and July 1944.

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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel *Clinton S. Berrien*, , Field Artillery, United States Army. January to November 1942.

Colonel *George W. Marvin*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 15 to 25 August 1944.

IX..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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert B. Hensley*, (then captain), Infantry, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in action against the enemy on 14 July 1943 near Grammichele, Sicily. The 3d Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, while in defensive position, was subjected to a strong attack by an enemy force estimated to be 2 infantry companies and 20 tanks. The attack was launched in the zone of Company K, with an enveloping movement around the right flank, which was held by Company L, successfully penetrating the battalion position. Colonel *Hensley*, commanding officer of Company L, through his perseverance, courage, selflessness, and forceful direction, moving about under heavy rifle, machine-gun, and 88-mm fire, without regard for his own personal safety, organized and successfully launched his company in counterattack, throwing the enemy into complete disorganization and causing them to withdraw in confusion with a great loss of personnel and tanks. The calm courage under heavy fire displayed by Colonel *Hensley* was an inspiration to his troops and of great importance to the success of the action.

First Lieutenant *Joseph Pessutti*, , Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States, a forward observer of the 1125th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, on 29–30 December 1944, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near Forte de Marmi, Italy. Accompanying a patrol into enemy territory, where they encountered strong enemy resistance and withering fire which inflicted heavy casualties, he radioed artillery forces to fire on the enemy position. Then, despite a severe wound, Lieutenant *Pessutti* proceeded to lead the men from the precarious position, through icy waters and mine fields in enemy territory, to the safety of friendly lines. Lieutenant *Pessutti's* leadership and courage are in keeping with highest traditions of the military service.

Major *Charles P. Samson*, O22204 (then captain), Field Artillery, United States Army, as commander of Battery D, 24th Field Artillery (Philippine Scouts), on 1 March 1942, displayed heroism in action near Bagac, Bataan, Philippine Islands. During a heavy enemy shelling, he heard a man call for help and immediately left his position to investigate. Seeing a soldier who had been repairing telephone wires severely wounded by shell fire, Major *Samson* ran to the stricken man and, under the continuing enemy barrage, helped him to safety. Major *Samson's* personal courage and determination to aid his wounded comrade are in keeping with highest traditions of the military service.

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

First Lieutenant *Earl A. Geiskopf*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. 28 June 1945 to 2 March 1946.

Sergeant *Alfredo H. Lujan* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 10 to 24 March 1944.

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, chief warrant officer, enlisted woman, and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant *Benjamin H. Alexander* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. June 1946 to February 1947.

First Sergeant *Raymond L. Andrews* (Army serial No.), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. March 1946 to April 1947.

Colonel *Ralph C. Benner*, , General Staff Corps, United States Army. December 1941 to April 1942.

Lieutenant Colonel *Lamar C. Bevil*, , Medical Corps, Army of the United States. September 1943 to September 1945.

Chief Warrant Officer *Charles H. Brooks* , Army of the United States. 16 to 20 April 1947.

Private First Class *Maurice D. Bynum* (Army serial No.), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. 16 to 17 April 1947.

Sergeant *Doyce E. Crawford* (Army serial), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 12 to 20 April 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *Owen E. Crump*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. August 1944 to February 1945.

Major *John W. Cummiskey*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. June 1943 to May 1945.

Colonel *William H. E. Dunham*, (then lieutenant colonel), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. April 1942 to June 1943.

Lieutenant Colonel *Franklin K. Eberhard*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. September 1945 to April 1947.

Major *Henry H. Ford*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. January 1943 to July 1945.

Major *Harold L. Fruitman*, , Sanitary Corps, Army of the United States. 14 June to 20 July 1945. Amended by Ex. XI, DA GO. 17, 1948

Lieutenant Colonel *Edward F. Gadler*, , General Staff Corps, Army of the United States. 19 May to 12 November 1945.

Colonel *John R. Gilchrist*, , General Staff Corps, United States Army. October 1945 to December 1946.

Staff Sergeant *Catherine Ginalick* (Army serial No.), Women's Army Corps, Army of the United States. January to July 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *Herman P. Goebel, Jr.*, , Judge Advocate General's Department, United States Army. August 1945 to July 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *William Gramlich*, , Adjutant General's Department, Army of the United States. July to December 1945.

Staff Sergeant *Robert C. Hamlin* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. April 1946 to April 1947.

Major *Robert H. Hancock*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. January 1945 to June 1947.

Technical Sergeant *Patrick F. Higgins* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. 16 to 18 April 1947.

Colonel *Virgil A. Jackson*, (then major), General Staff Corps, Army of the United States. June 1942 to January 1943.

Master Sergeant *Earl W. Kollender* (Army Serial No.), Air Corps, United States Army. June 1946 to May 1947.

Colonel *Robert G. Lovett*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. July to November 1943.

Colonel *Roy E. Ludick*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. December 1941 to June 1945.

First Lieutenant *Pacifico E. Marcos*, , Infantry, Philippine Army. 23 November 1945 to 3 July 1946.

Private First Class *Henry L. Marler* (Army serial No.), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. 16 to 21 April 1947.

Captain *John O. McDonnell*, , Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 12 to 20 April 1947.

Staff Sergeant *Wesley S. McKinsey* (Army serial No.), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 10 to 20 April 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *Frank G. Millard*, (then major), Air Corps, Army of the United States. October 1942 to July 1944.

First Lieutenant *Leon W. Motzny, Jr.*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. January to June 1947.

Technician Fourth Grade *Harry R. Naylor* (Army serial No.), Medical Department, Army of the United States. 16 to 21 April

First Sergeant *Alex H. Pashman* (Army serial No.), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. June to November 1946.

Lieutenant Colonel *Vernon Peterson*, , Inspector General's Department, Army of the United States. September 1943 to April 1945.

Major *Rialto Philleo*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. November 1945 to December 1946.

Major *Samuel C. Phillips*, , Air Corps, United States Army. October 1945 to June 1947.

Staff Sergeant *William Leo Primm* (Army serial No.), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 3 January to 15 April 1947.

Technician Fourth Grade *Donald E. Ramm* (Army serial No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 16 to 21 April 1947. 1947.

Private First Class *Clarence Reynolds* (Army serial No.), Medical Department, Army of the United States. January to May 1947.

First Lieutenant *Mark C. Rhees*, (then second lieutenant), Sanitary Corps, Army of the United States. March 1944 to December 1945.

Technical Sergeant *Joseph B. Rindeikis* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, United States Army. August to November 1946.

Captain *Robert S. Ritz, Jr.*, , Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 10 to 20 April 1947.

Major *Alvah W. Robertson*, (then master sergeant), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 7 December 1941 to 22 April 1942.

Private First Class *Donald P. Schwarz* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 6 September 1946.

Colonel *Ronald M. Shaw*, (then lieutenant colonel), General Staff Corps, United States Army. June 1942 to January 1943.

Staff Sergeant *Charles W. Singer* (Army serial No.), Infantry, Army of the United States. 1 February 1943 to 26 May 1944 and 9 May to 10 September 1945.

Master Sergeant *Forrest H. Smith* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 16 to 25 April 1947.

Corporal *Orlen E. Snyder, Jr.* (Army serial No. RA), Medical Corps, United States Army. 16 to 21 April 1947.

Corporal *Chandis L. Stewart* (Army serial No.), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. 16 to 21 April 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *L. Gertrude Thompson*, , Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. March 1943 to October 1947. (This award supersedes the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Lieutenant Colonel *Thompson*, for service from 11 October 1943 to 28 January 1946, as authorized by the Commanding General, Army Service Forces.)

Technician Fourth Grade *Samuel G. Tuttle* (Army serial No.), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. 18 to 21 April 1947.

Colonel *Russell L. Waldron*, , Air Corps, United States Army. June 1945 to February 1946.

Captain *Hugh E. Wandel*, , Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. 16 to 20 April 1947.

Major *John R. Watson*, , General Staff Corps (Cavalry), United States Army. June 1946 to February 1947.

Major *William R. Wheeler*, , Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. October 1942 to March 1946.

Technician Fifth Grade *Leeland J. Yocum* (Army serial No.), Infantry, Army of the United States. 7 June 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:

Major *Richard W. Thomson*, , Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. February 1943 to June 1945.

Major *Wesley L. Viers*, (then captain), Finance Division, Army of the United States. 7 December 1941 to October 1944.

THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—Section IV, General Orders 65, WD, 1946, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade *Michael J. Halpin*, Infantry, is rescinded. (See par. 2, sec. V, above.)

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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