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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 (third 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:

General *Carl Spaatz*, , United States Air Force. 26 September 1947 to 30 April 1948.

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 officer:

Second Lieutenant *Robert W. Hansen*, , Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company C, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on ~~30 April 1945~~ . During an attack on a well-concealed Japanese position on Okinawa Shima, the attack bogged down because of heavy mortar and machine-gun fire. Lieutenant *Hansen* ran forward, spotted the Japanese position, signalled his platoon, and led it forward in an advance, during which he was killed. His courageous leadership was the means by which the advance was continued and the objective taken.

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:

Technical Sergeant *Forrest L. Alson* (Army serial No.) (then sergeant), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, a member of Battery E, 60th Coast Artillery (AA), displayed gallantry in action at Mariveles, Bataan, Philippine Islands, on 19 December 1941. During a heavy bombing raid he voluntarily left a place of shelter to lead his section into the burning barrio, where he led and inspired his men to valorous deeds of rescue and salvage. Sergeant *Alson* dashed into a blazing wooden ammunition storehouse and, using his hands and rifle butt, beat out the flames. He then assisted and directed his section in throwing out boxes of small-arms ammunition already aflame. By his intrepid action and fearless devotion to duty, Sergeant *Alson* inspired his men to heroic action and saved thousands of rounds of small-arms ammunition and 3-inch anti-aircraft shells from destruction.

Second Lieutenant *Pedro J. Leander*, (then captain), Infantry, Philippine Army, a member of Company A, 3d Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy at Nagbalayon, Bataan, on 22 January 1942. While in command of his company on a defensive front, Lieutenant *Leander* crawled to a hostile enemy mortar and silenced it, thus minimizing the shelling of his own men.

Sergeant Antonio Martin (Army serial No.) (then corporal), Coast Artillery Corps, Philippine Scouts, a member of Headquarters Battery, 91st Coast Artillery (Philippine Scouts), distinguished himself by gallantry in action during the action on Corregidor, Philippine Islands, between December 1941 and April 1942. On at least two occasions, driving through intense artillery fire and bombing, Sergeant Martin took seriously wounded men to the hospital.

Staff Sergeant William M. Murphy (Army serial No.) (then sergeant), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, a member of Battery E, 60th Coast Artillery (AA), displayed gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on 16 April 1942. During the course of heavy artillery fire on Fort Mills, when over 20 casualties occurred in the Middleside Barracks, Sergeant Murphy voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, left a place of shelter and aided in removing and then treating casualties in an exposed position for 1½ hours, during which time heavy shelling of the area continued and one air-raid alert was given.

IV. 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:

Major General Albert E. Brown, United States Army. September 1940 to November 1941.

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 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:

Sergeant Oscar C. Allen, Jr. (Army serial No.) (then technician fifth grade), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Sergeant Harold O. Courtney (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Colonel Sheffield Edwards, O15203, Field Artillery, United States Army. 21 April to 28 June 1943.

Sergeant Theodore C. Hendrickson (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Master Sergeant Sofa Llorando (Army serial No.) (then first sergeant), Philippine Scouts. 24 to 31 December 1941.

Sergeant John J. Pacana (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Benjamin C. Paden (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

First Sergeant William M. Stewart (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Sergeant Robert L. Thalhofer (Army serial No.) (then technician fifth grade), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Staff Sergeant *Robert E. Thibodaux, Jr.* (Army serial No.),
Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1944
to May 1945.

Sergeant *Rodney D. Turner* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers,
Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Willard White*, Corps of Engineers, United
States Army. November 1944 to May 1945.

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

Staff Sergeant *Wylic Bell* (), United States Air Force. April
1946 to February 1948.

Captain *Charles I. Bennett, Jr.*, United States Air Force. De-
cember 1945 to February 1948.

First Sergeant *Dominick Canuzzato* (Army serial No.), Field
Artillery, United States Army. 14 March 1948.

Captain *Lawrence R. de Groot*, Transportation Corps, Army of
the United States. June 1946 to March 1948.

First Lieutenant *Edward B. Devon*, United States Air Force.
December 1946 to February 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph H. Jaffer*, Dental Corps, United States
Army. May 1942 to August 1943.

Lieutenant Colonel *Eugene Keller, Jr.*, Cavalry, Army of the United
States. May 1945 to January 1946.

Lieutenant Colonel *James H. Kelln*, Corps of Military Police,
Army of the United States. 29 May to 23 November 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade *Jean N. Kirch* (Army serial No.) (then
private first class), Military Intelligence, Army of the United States.
6 March to 26 May 1945.

Master Sergeant *Hollis C. Lucas* (), United States Air Force.
January 1946 to February 1948.

Staff Sergeant *Joseph Music* (), United States Air Force. Janu-
ary 1946 to February 1948.

Captain *Horace C. Nixon*, United States Air Force. June 1945 to
February 1948.

Major *William A. Pates*, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United
States. September 1945 to May 1946.

Technical Sergeant *Charles H. Reynolds* (), United States Air
Force. March 1946 to February 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Samuel A. Smith*, Corps of Military Police,
Army of the United States. November 1945 to March 1948.

Captain *Frank W. Spicer, Jr.*, Medical Corps, Army of the United
States. April 1946 to April 1948.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph
17.1, AR 600-45, the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious achievement
during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and en-
listed men:

Captain *Willis R. Ablea*, (then first lieutenant), Ordnance De-
partment, Army of the United States. 19 July 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade *Rafael A. Rojas* (Army serial No.),
 Transportation Corps, United States Army. 14 August 1947.
 Captain *Stuart Schwarzschild*, , Ordnance Department, Army of the
 United States. 19 July 1945.
 Private First Class *Robert L. Scott* (Army serial No.), Coast Ar-
 tillery Corps, Army of the United States. 23 February 1947.
 First Lieutenant *Frank W. Soucy*, , Ordnance Department, Army
 of the United States. 19 July 1945.
 Private First Class *John J. Stroup* (Army serial No.) (then
 private), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 23 February
 1947.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 17.1, AR 600-45, the ~~Army~~ Commendation Ribbon ~~with~~ (Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major *Townsend C. Anderson*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. May 1947 to January 1948.

VII. LEGION OF MERIT.—1. So much of paragraph 1, section II, General Orders 7, Department of the Army, 1948, as pertains to Lieutenant General *Sir John Dudley Lavarack*, Australian Imperial Forces, is rescinded.

2. So much of paragraph 2, section I, General Orders 5, Department of the Army, 1948, as pertains to Lieutenant General *Edward Kenneth Smart*, Australian Imperial Forces, is rescinded.

3. So much of paragraph 2, section I, General Orders 5, Department of the Army, 1948, as pertains to Lieutenant General *Vernon A. H. Sturdee*, Australian Imperial Forces, is rescinded.

4. So much of section II, General Orders 7, War Department, 1946, as reads "Brigadier General *William W. Welsh*" is amended to read "Brigadier General *William W. Welsh*."

VIII. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—So much of paragraph 1, section VIII, General Orders 4, Department of the Army, 1948, as reads "Private First Class *Lino Paddock*, Cavalry, Philippine Scouts" is amended to read "Private First Class *Lino Paddock*, Cavalry, Philippine Army."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD F. WITSELL
 Major General
 The Adjutant General

MARK N. BRADLEY
 Chief of Staff, United States Army