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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 (Bul. 43, WD, 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:

Vice Admiral *Jesse B. Oldendorf*, United States Navy. 1 January to 11 February 1945.

2. 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 (second 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:

Lieutenant General *John E. Hull*, United States Army. September 1947 to June 1948.

II. 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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *John T. Hindman*, (then second lieutenant), Cavalry, Army of the United States, a member of Troop F, 7th Cavalry Regiment, displayed gallantry and heroic leadership of his platoon in the Philippine Islands on 27 April 1945. An infantry company, which his platoon was supporting, was unable to penetrate the enemy position which consisted of heavy bunkers and caves located on a hill. Lieutenant *Hindman* volunteered to lead a platoon attack, coordinated with artillery fire. He reached the foot of the fortified hill under the protection of the concentrated artillery fire and then led his platoon up the slope, destroying the enemy positions, killing many of the enemy, and capturing several machine guns and mortars. Lieutenant *Hindman's* heroic leadership was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit on himself.

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 (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for gallantry in action during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Thomas N. Griffin*, Infantry, United States Army, as commanding officer of the 395th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by gallantry in action in Germany on 30 April 1945. While attacking across the Isar River, elements of the 395th Infantry Regiment and of the 14th Armored Infantry Regiment became intermingled. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Colonel *Griffin* crossed the river under shell fire and, with disregard

for personal safety and in direct view of the enemy, proceeded through heavy concentrations of direct, heavy-velocity artillery fire, issued orders on the spot, and supervised their execution. As a result of Colonel *Griffin's* fearless action, the two units were disentangled in a minimum of time and his regiment moved forward quickly to capture its objective.

III.—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 to the following-named officer:

Colonel *William H. Bartlett*, Field Artillery, United States Army, October 1944 to May 1945. (This award supersedes the award of the Bronze Star Medal (second Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Colonel *Bartlett*, for meritorious service from 16 to 23 March 1945, as published in General Orders 26, Headquarters, XII Corps, 5 April 1945.)

IV.—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 posthumously to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant *Frank P. Cassidy* (Army serial No.) (then sergeant), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company K, 165th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroic achievement against the enemy on Butaritari, Makin Atoll, on 22 and 23 November 1943. In jungle terrain with overcast sky and poor visibility, Sergeant *Cassidy* displayed high qualities of leadership. He directed the fire of those near him on the perimeter front in delivering protecting rifle fire to the heavy machine-gun position next to him, which in turn proved invaluable in repelling the enemy night attack. In doing so, Sergeant *Cassidy* exposed himself and his position with complete disregard for his personal safety.

Major *Thompson B. Maury, III*, Field Artillery, United States Army, while a prisoner of war, distinguished himself by heroic service to his coprisoners of war during the "Death March" out of Bataan, Philippine Islands, in April 1942. When Major Chester Johnson, one of the participants on the "Death March," could no longer walk, Major *Maury*, with total disregard for the fatal consequences that might ensue, risked his life by rescuing and carrying Major Johnson, who would probably have been murdered by the barbarous enemy if left behind. When Major *Maury* refused the order of a Japanese guard to put Major Johnson down, he was bayoneted. Despite this, he continued his heroic deed by carrying the unconscious prisoner for several kilometers, and thereby contributed materially to Major Johnson's survival of the "Death March." Through his inspiring bravery, courage, and devotion to his country, Major *Maury* made a distinct contribution to the morale and welfare of the prisoners of war during the dark days of World War II.

Major *William R. Thomas*, Field Artillery, United States Army while a prisoner of war, distinguished himself by heroic service to his coprisoners of war during the "Death March" out of Bataan, Philippine Islands, in April 1942. When Major Chester Johnson, one of the participants on the "Death March," could no longer walk, Major *Thomas*, with total disregard for the fatal consequences that might ensue, risked his life by rescuing and carrying Major Johnson, who would probably have been murdered by the barbarous enemy if left behind. Major *Thomas* carried the unconscious prisoner for several kilometers, and

thereby contributed materially to Major Johnson's survival of the "Death March." Through his inspiring bravery, courage, and devotion to his country, Major *Thomas* made a distinct contribution to the morale and welfare of the prisoners of war during the dark days of World War II.

V.. 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 *Eugene S. Alexander*, Medical Corps, United States Army.
July 1944 to May 1945.

Sergeant *John H. Ball* (Army serial No. _____), Corps of Engineers,
Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Captain *William A. Clair*, Air Corps, United States Army. August
1942 to March 1944.

Captain *John R. Gabbert*, Field Artillery, Army of the United
States. August to September 1944.

Chaplain (major) *Matthew H. Imrie*, (then captain), Corps of
Chaplains, United States Army. March to November 1943.

Major *Paul G. Mueller, Jr.*, (then captain), Corps of Engineers,
Army of the United States. November 1944 to May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Walter D. Thomas*, Transportation Corps,
Army of the United States. 25 April to 10 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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *John B. Rago*, (then major), Dental Corps, Army
of the United States. April to November 1942.

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 heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Master Sergeant *Ralph W. Montgomery* (Army serial No. _____), Counter Intelligence Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement, on 23 January 1942, at Bataan, Philippine Islands. When other attempts to contact an adjoining division command post had failed, Sergeant *Montgomery*, on his own initiative, traversed half a mile of open country under constant enemy fire and successfully accomplished the important mission.

Staff Sergeant *Dumont Wade* (Army serial No. _____) (then corporal), Infantry (Coast Artillery Corps), Army of the United States, a member of the 60th Coast Artillery (AA) Regiment, displayed heroic action at Corregidor, Philippine Islands, on 4 May 1942. Immediately after bombs had fallen in his area, killing and wounding men of his battery, Sergeant *Wade*, while under enemy artillery fire, left a place of shelter and aided and transported the wounded personnel to the hospital.

VII.. 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 men:

Lieutenant Colonel *Mark C. Bane, Jr.*, (then major), Air Corps,
United States Army. March 1942 to November 1944.

- Captain *Marshall J. Fiese*, , Medical Corps, Army of the United States. December 1946 to April 1948.
- Technician, Fourth Grade *Immacolata M. Franco* (Army serial No.), Medical Department, Women's Army Corps, Army of the United States. August 1945 to March 1948.
- Captain *Robert E. LaFollette*, , Medical Corps, Army of the United States. May 1946 to March 1948.
- First Lieutenant *Laura B. Little*, , Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. February 1945 to March 1948.
- Staff Sergeant *Clarence E. Manby* (Army serial No.), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. October 1946 to March 1947.
- Major *Donald F. Martin, Jr.*, , Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. June 1945 to April 1946.
- Major *Bernard J. Scherer*, (then), Infantry, United States Army. 13 January to 9 September 1947.
- Master Sergeant *William A. Wright* (Army serial No.), Medical Department, United States Army. July 1946 to January 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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Walter E. Hopper, Jr.*, (then major), Infantry, Army of the United States. March to October 1944.

VIII..LEGION OF MERIT.—So much of paragraph 1, section II, General Orders 7, Department of the Army, 1948, as pertains to Major General *Juvs Larrea Alba*, Ecuadoran Army, is rescinded.

IX..BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—So much of paragraph 1, section III, General Orders 5, Department of the Army, 1948, as pertains to Captain *Georges Emil Mathoit*, French Army, as reads "Captain *Georges Emil Mathoit*" is amended to read "Captain *Georges Emile Mathiot.*" Paragraph 2, section VIII, General Orders 24, Department of the Army, 1948, is rescinded.

X..ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON.—So much of paragraph 2, section XIII, General Orders 20, Department of the Army, 1947, as pertains to Lieutenant Colonel *Mark C. Bone, Jr.*, Air Corps, is rescinded (see par. 1, sec. VII, above).

XI..CITATION OF UNITS OF BOTH MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENTS.—So much of General Orders 22, War Department, 1942, pertaining to all units of both military and naval forces of the United States and Philippine Governments engaged in the defense of the Philippines, as reads "since December 7, 1941" is amended to read "from 7 December 1941 to 10 May 1942, inclusive."

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