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I. *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 heroic achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period indicated was awarded by the War Department, on 4 October 1941, to the following-named officer:

Colonel *William E. Creer,* (then second lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, displayed heroism while participating in aerial flight from France Field, Canal Zone, to Rio Hato, Republic of Panama, on 31 July 1940. While flying a B-18 airplane near San Carlos, Republic of Panama, at approximately 4,000 feet altitude, with a crew of six men, the right engine failed and vibrated excessively. Colonel *Creer,* who was acting as instructor pilot, immediately took command of the airplane and ordered each crew member to check his life vest and parachute and headed the airplane for Rio Hato to make a landing. When the vibration became so excessive it was evident that the airplane could not be flown that far, Colonel *Creer,* because of the rough terrain around San Carlos, headed the airplane out over the ocean, intending to land on the water. When the right engine caught fire and after attempts to extinguish the flames failed, Colonel *Creer* turned the airplane back to shore and immediately ordered the men to jump. After making sure the copilot and other members of the crew had jumped, Colonel *Creer* continued to hold the airplane level and attempted to adjust the automatic pilot. At that time, the right engine vibrated off the airplane, taking a portion of the wing with it. When the fire spread over the right side of the airplane and dense smoke entered the cabin, Colonel *Creer* abandoned the airplane through the pilot's escape hatch. The calmness, judgment, and bravery displayed by Colonel *Creer* on this occasion reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

II. *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, chief warrant officers, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant *Joseph R. Ambrose* (Army Serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 2 December 1947 to 6 May 1948.

Captain *George D. Barnette,* , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 30 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Major *Carl W. Bartling,* , Chemical Corps, United States Army. 28 February to 21 May 1948.

Master Sergeant *Charles W. Bass* (Army serial No.), United States Army. 13 February to 1 May 1948.

Captain *Herbert Batz,* , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 25 October 1947 to 12 March 1948.

Sergeant *John K. Binford* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 January to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Joseph J. Blumberg,* , Army of the United States. 25 October 1947 to 15 March 1948.

Captain *William F. Bolen*, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. 29 February to 21 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Byron A. Brim*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 30 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Technical Sergeant *James P. Brookins* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. 26 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Jack D. Brooks*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. November 1945 to March 1948.

Master Sergeant *William H. Brown* (Army serial No.), Signal Corps, United States Army. 27 December 1947 to 1 May 1948.

Warrant Officer (junior grade) *Alvin A. Canha* ( ), Army of the United States. 13 December 1947 to 16 May 1948.

Captain *George H. Carr, Jr.* , Cavalry, Army of the United States. 13 December 1947 to 16 May 1948.

Corporal *John A. Chaffin* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, United States Army. 29 November 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Philip R. Cibotti, Jr.*, , Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. 15 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Master Sergeant *Joel M. Cohen* (Army serial No.), United States Army. 29 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Technical Sergeant *Vaughan M. Cole* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 5 January to 26 May 1948.

Sergeant *Robert R. Evans* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 29 November 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Sol Forman* , Medical Department, Army of the United States. 18 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Master Sergeant *James V. Forsythe* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 14 December 1947 to 15 May 1948.

Captain *Howard C. Gale*, Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 24 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Corporal *Robert E. Godbold* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 10 November 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *James E. Harper, Jr.*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 25 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Colonel *Carl H. Hatch*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 4 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Morris W. Head*, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 28 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Curtis J. Herrick*, , Infantry, United States Army. 3 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Earl D. Hicks*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 27 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Karl H. Houghton*, , United States Army. 18 October 1947 to 21 May 1948.

Major *William J. A. Hussey*, , Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. 15 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Captain *Kenneth E. Jackson* , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 18 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Sergeant *Ernest N. Jordon* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 28 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Sergeant *George W. José* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 1 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Captain *Erwin O. Juna*, Cavalry (Armored), Army of the United States. 27 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Private First Class *Jinsuke J. Kaneshiro* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 29 November 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Robert F. Kelm*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 15 November 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Captain *John F. Kimbel*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 29 February to 21 May 1948.

Master Sergeant *Edward Koch* (Army serial No.), Signal Corps, United States Army. 23 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Captain *Eugene J. Kolb*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. 10 December 1947 to 20 May 1948.

Technical Sergeant *John F. Leacock* (Army serial No.), Signal Corps, United States Army. 1 November 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert B. Lewis*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 28 February to 21 May 1948.

Chief Warrant Officer *Roy William Ligon* ( ), United States Army. 14 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Technical Sergeant *Ralph C. Loeffler* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 25 October 1947 to 15 March 1948.

First Lieutenant *Rolland A. Lozeau*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 29 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Corporal *Floyd E. McCarty* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, United States Army. 2 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Major *Gerald M. McDonnel*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 29 February to 21 May 1948.

Technical Sergeant *Stanley W. Mills* (Army serial No.), United States Army. 27 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Chief Warrant Officer *Anthony J. L. Moreney* ( ), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 28 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Captain *William H. Mundhenk*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. 28 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Sergeant *Melton Paschall* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 25 October 1947 to 20 April 1948.

First Lieutenant *Harry F. Prock*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 28 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Corporal *Clay L. Profitt* (Army serial No.), United States Army. 27 December 1947 to 1 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *John J. Rafferty*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 28 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Robert N. Ramsey*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 27 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Corporal *Albert R. Rich* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Second Lieutenant *Fred L. Robison*, (then master sergeant, Army serial No.), Army of the United States. 22 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *August J. Sable*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States, 21 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Colonel *Thomas J. Sands*, , General Staff Corps, United States Army. 3 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Captain *Albert J. Schaffler*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 28 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Alfred D. Starbird*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 26 September 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Master Sergeant *Warren H. Stoneberger* (Army Serial No.), United States Army. 28 January to 21 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Lannis W. Temple*, , Adjutant General's Department, Army of the United States. 25 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Sergeant *Peter Traugott* (Army serial No.), Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. 23 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Colonel *David H. Tulleu*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 3 October 1947 to 21 May 1948.

Master Sergeant *Hazelett V. Villa* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, United States Army. 25 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Sergeant *Harold C. Wagner* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 5 February to 2 May 1948.

Captain *Joseph A. Waits*, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 31 October 1947 to 7 April 1948.

Captain *Wilfred C. Washcoe*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 15 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *Edmond L. Wicker*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 25 October 1947 to 10 April 1948.

Technical Sergeant *Wendell W. Wilson* (Army serial No.), Medical Department, United States Army. 1 November 1947 to 27 May 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:

Sergeant *John W. White* (Army serial No.), Infantry, United States Army. 22 August 1948.

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

Lieutenant Colonel *Garlen R. Bryant*, , Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. 3 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Lawrence J. Lincoln*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 12 October 1947 to 27 May 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Henry M. Salley*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 December 1947 to 27 May 1948.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OMAR N. BRADLEY
Chief of Staff, United States Army

OFFICIAL:
EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

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