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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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *Leon V. Pablo*, Infantry, Philippine Army, displayed gallantry in action in Butaan, Philippine Islands, on or about 12 February 1942. When a large force of Japanese broke through the main line of resistance along Trail 7 of the Pilar-Bagne Road and headed toward Mariveles, Lieutenant *Pablo*, in charge of a contingent of soldiers from Company F, 2d Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, 11th Infantry Division, Philippine Army, mounted a tank and directed his men in a successful counterattack, which despite overwhelming odds, resulted in annihilation of the entire enemy force and restoration of the main line of resistance without loss of ground. By his undaunted courage and outstanding leadership, Lieutenant *Pablo* did much to prevent an early attack on Mariveles and its possible capture.

**II. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.**—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1920 (Bul. 8, WD, 1920), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Sergeant First Class *Larry S. Bussler* ( ), United States Air Force, a member of the Maintenance Squadron, 318th Maintenance and Supply Group, Greenville Air Force Base, Greenville, South Carolina, displayed heroism on 7 February 1948, near Saluda, North Carolina, when a C-47 aircraft, on which he was assigned as crew chief, crashed into a mountain and caught fire. Sergeant *Bussler* escaped through the cockpit escape hatch and after he was clear of the airplane he heard cries for help and returned to find the copilot hopelessly trapped in the escape hatch by a falling tree. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant *Bussler* climbed on the airplane, which was then burning fiercely and in immediate danger of exploding, released the copilot, and carried him to safety. By his courageous action in saving the life of his comrade at the risk of his life, Sergeant *Bussler* brought great credit to himself and the United States Air Force.

Master Sergeant *Thomas A. Culley* (Army serial No. ), Air Corps, Army of the United States, displayed heroism at the risk of his life on 8 March 1947 at Panama City, Florida. While boating with another soldier in the Gulf of Mexico, their small boat was capsized by the wake of a passing vessel, throwing Sergeant *Culley* and the other soldier into the water. Sergeant *Culley*, after reaching safety, saw the other soldier drowning and left his position of safety to rescue his companion, having to submerge to locate him. He attempted to tow his companion to some nearby pilings, but the current was too strong and both men were swept past the pilings. He then attempted to reach the capsized boat, 150 yards away, finally succeeding despite the handicap of heavy clothing

worn by himself and his companion. Not until this time did Sergeant *Culley* call for help. Both men were eventually picked up by a Navy rescue boat. Sergeant *Culley's* courageous act, with complete disregard for his personal safety, saved the life of his fellow soldier and reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant *John A. Leaf* (Army serial No. ) (then staff sergeant), Air Corps, Army of the United States, displayed heroism on 20 July 1943 when his battle-damaged aircraft was forced to ditch in the North Sea. When the airplane struck the sea, an oil fire ignited and spread over the water. Completely disregarding personal safety, Sergeant *Leaf* pulled an unconscious gunner out of the burning oil and into a life raft. Sergeant *Leaf's* prompt and heroic actions on this occasion reflect the highest credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States.

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 21 October 1941, to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class *James M. King* (Army serial No. ), Company A, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (A), 3d Armored Division, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in saving a soldier from drowning at Alexandria, Louisiana, on 3 May 1941. Private *King* jumped from the Pineville-Alexandria Bridge, a distance of 15 feet, into the Red River, which was at flood stage and choked with mud and debris, and rescued a soldier who had fallen from a houseboat into the river and who was fighting desperately in an attempt to avoid rescue. This act was performed without thought of personal safety and at the risk of his life and the heroism and presence of mind displayed by Private *King* on this occasion reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

**III. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1941 (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 *Raymond P. Berry* (Army serial No. ), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. June 1944 to May 1945.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Robert G. Chambers*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. June 1944 to August 1945.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Edward A. Dvorak, Jr.*, Air Corps, United States Army. 8 December 1944 to 14 August 1945.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *James H. Fish*, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. October 1942 to August 1943.  
 Colonel *Leo J. Gutchar*, (then lieutenant colonel), Dental Corps, Army of the United States. October 1944 to May 1945.  
 Staff Sergeant *Ernest P. Hearon, Jr.* (Army serial No. ), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 8 February to 15 December 1944.  
 Major *Marvin A. Mueller*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States. October 1944 to May 1945.  
 Major *Herbert Richardson, Jr.*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 5 to 10 September 1944.  
 Captain *Ross Smith, Jr.*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. August 1944 to May 1945.

Major *Frank R. Stoker*, (then captain), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 5 to 10 September 1944.  
 Major *Robert P. Wilson*, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 15 August to 13 September 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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated was awarded by Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, to the following-named officers and enlisted man and is hereby confirmed:

Captain *William Valentine Curtis*, British Army. 1 April to 1 August 1944.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Geoffrey K. Hall*, British Army. November 1943 to October 1944.

Sergeant *Harry Hatton*, British Army. 1 April to 1 June 1944.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *E. W. Kingsley*, British Army. February 1944 to May 1945.

Major *Iar D. K. MacRae*, British Army. June to September 1945.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Oyril Alan Russell*, British Army. November 1942 to May 1944.

Major *George St. G. Stedall*, British Army. April 1942 to August 1944.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *J. A. I. Watts*, British Army. November 1943 to October 1944.

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 for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Second Lieutenant *Lorgio G. Galayo*, Infantry, Philippine Army. 13 to 20 January 1942.

Major *Hans U. Smithline*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 24 August 1942.

**IV. 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, warrant officer, and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel *Howard F. K. Cahill*, Infantry, United States Army, Retired. December 1941 to October 1948.

Colonel *Emmett P. Connelly*, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. September 1943 to June 1945.

Captain *Frederick M. Cook*, Adjutant General's Department, Army of the United States. September 1945 to May 1948.

Warrant Officer (Junior grade) *William L. Cullingworth* ( ), Army of the United States. July 1947 to June 1948.

First Lieutenant *Joseph H. Bwing*, Infantry, Army of the United States. February 1946 to June 1948.

Technician Fourth Grade *John W. Jeffers* (Army serial No. ), Army of the United States. 1 November 1945 to 29 January 1946.

Colonel *Lyman L. Judge*, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. 7 January 1944 to 31 December 1946.

Lieutenant Colonel *Wilbur F. Maring, Jr.*, Infantry, Army of the United States. November 1946 to September 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles W. Phifer*, United States Air Force. July 1946 to May 1948.

Major *Robert B. Rigg*, Cavalry, Army of the United States. November 1945 to June 1948.

Sergeant *Joseph Scheff* (Army serial No. ), Signal Corps, United States Army. 1 December 1947 to 31 March 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Peter Schmick*, General Staff Corps (Const Artillery Corps), United States Army. 3 October 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 during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Sergeant *William T. Burdine* (Army serial No. ), Infantry, United States Army. 19 April to 20 May 1948.

First Lieutenant *William N. Davis*, Infantry, Army of the United States. 27 July 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:

Captain *McIlbourn C. Chandler*, Infantry (Medical Service Corps), United States Army. June 1947 to September 1948.

Colonel *Merrifield G. Martling*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. April 1942 to May 1948.

V. **BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**—So much of paragraph 1, section V, General Orders 48, War Department, 1946, as reads "*Eden Brenes*" is amended to read "*Edén Brenes.*"

VI. **COMMENDATION RIBBON.**—1. So much of paragraph 1, section VII General Orders 65, Department of the Army, 1948, as reads "*Sergeant First Class Roy D. Fearcy*" is amended to read "*Sergeant First Class Roy B. Scaroy.*"

2. So much of paragraph 1, section XI, General Orders 25, Department of the Army, 1947, as pertains to Colonel *Merrifield G. Martling*, Corps of Engineers, is rescinded. (See par. 8, sec. IV.)

3. So much of paragraph 1, section VII, General Orders 65, Department of the Army, 1948, as reads "*Sergeant James Purey* (Army serial No. )" is amended to read "*Sergeant James Carey* (Army serial No. )."

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