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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 (WD Bul. 43, 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:

General *Courtney H. Hodges*, United States Army. November 1944 to January 1949.

II. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the periods indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class *Malcolm M. Gerlach, Jr.* (Army serial No. Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company D, 276th Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 January 1945 at Wingen, France. When his outpost was attacked by a superior enemy force, he manned a machine gun, covered the withdrawal of his comrades, and continued his point-blank fire until killed. Private *Gerlach's* gallant actions enabled his company to reform and later recapture the town.

Private First Class *Almon E. Hulet* (Army serial No. Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of the 276th Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 January 1945 at Wingen, France. When his outpost was attacked by a superior enemy force, he manned a machine gun, covered the withdrawal of his comrades, and continued his point-blank fire until killed. Private *Hulet's* gallant actions enabled his company to reform and later recapture the town.

III. LEGION OF MERIT.—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 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:

Major *John G. Gross*, (then captain), Air Corps, United States Army. 29 January 1943 to 25 April 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Glenn J. McGowan*, , Infantry, United States Army. May 1944 to June 1945. (This award supersedes the awards to Lieutenant Colonel McGowan, of the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service from 25 November to 31 December 1944, as published in General Orders 4, Headquarters 11th Airborne Division, 4 January 1945, and the Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service from 31 January to 16 March 1945, as published in General Orders 53, Headquarters 11th Airborne Division, 23 March 1945.)

Lieutenant Colonel *Albert M. Welsh*, , Air Corps, United States Army. August 1943 to October 1945.

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2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 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 *Pearl H. Robey*, , Air Corps, United States Army. 7 December 1941 to May 1943.

IV. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant *Wallace C. Cooley* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Air Corps, Army of the United States, on 4 April 1947, displayed heroic conduct at the scene of an airplane crash in the fjord at Narsarssuak, Greenland. He was among the first persons at the scene of the crash and, although exhausted from running three-quarters of a mile, without hesitation plunged into the iceberg-filled water. With utter disregard for his safety, he swam several hundred feet to the almost sunken AT-6 aircraft. He voluntarily exposed himself to the freezing temperature of the water and air for an extended period of time while assisting in releasing the injured pilot from the cockpit and seeing him safely to shore. Through his action, the life of the pilot, endangered by injuries and drowning, was saved, and by this act of selfless courage, Sergeant *Cooley* brought great credit to himself and the military service.

Master Sergeant *Grover D. Kimball* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States, displayed heroism at Giebelstadt, Germany, on 9 July 1947. Upon witnessing a crash landing of a B-29 aircraft and realizing that some of the crew were trapped, he heroically and voluntarily, at the risk of his life, entered the wreckage, despite the imminent possibility of explosion because of leaking gasoline. His efforts resulted in the rescue of several of the trapped men who were unable to extricate themselves and reflect great credit on Sergeant *Kimball* and the military service.

First Lieutenant *Francis J. Lee*, (then second lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States, on 4 April 1947, displayed heroic conduct at the scene of an airplane crash in the fjord at Narsarssuak, Greenland. With utter disregard for his safety, he plunged into the iceberg-filled water and swam several hundred feet to the almost sunken AT-6 aircraft. He was the second person to reach the aircraft and voluntarily exposed himself to the freezing temperatures of the water and air for an extended period of time while releasing the injured pilot from the cockpit and seeing him carried to shore. Through his actions, the life of the pilot, endangered by injuries and drowning, was saved, and by this act of selfless courage, Lieutenant *Lee* brought great credit to himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant *James O. O'Neal*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States, traffic officer of the 1385th Army Air Forces Base Unit, on 4 April 1947, displayed heroic conduct at the scene of an airplane crash in the fjord at Narsarssuak, Greenland. With utter disregard for his safety, he swam several hundred feet in the iceberg-filled water, carrying a fire ax, to the almost completely sunken AT-6 aircraft. He voluntarily exposed himself to the freezing temperatures of the water and air for an extended period of time while assisting in the release of the injured pilot from the cockpit and then carried him to shore. Through his action, the life of the pilot, endangered by injury and drowning, was

saved, and by this act of selfless courage, Lieutenant *O'Neal* brought great credit to himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Donald E. Smith* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States, on 4 April 1947, displayed heroic conduct at the scene of an airplane crash in the fjord at Narsarssuak, Greenland. With utter disregard for his safety, he entered the iceberg-filled water and swam several hundred feet to the aircraft. He voluntarily exposed himself to the icy water and freezing temperature for an extended period of time during the rescue of the pilot. He remained in the fjord until the last person was on shore, standing by to give assistance wherever needed. Through his action, casualties from shock and drowning were prevented, and by this act of selfless courage, Sergeant *Smith* brought great credit to himself and the military service.

Sergeant *James D. Turner* ( ) (then private first class), United States Air Force, a member of the 7767th Special Service Band, displayed heroism at the risk of his life at Assmannshausen, Germany, on 6 February 1948. Seeing a young girl suddenly disappear in the dark into the Rhine River, he quickly located her with a flashlight and dived fully clothed into the river. Guided only by the girl's screams, he swam to her and, although exhausted by his efforts to keep the struggling girl afloat and battling against the swift current, towed her to safety at the edge of the river. Sergeant *Turner's* personal courage and quick action reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

V. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 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:

Corporal *Salvador Carballo* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 15 September to 28 October 1944.

Captain *Kenneth G. Clarke*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 10 March to 1 July 1945.

Captain *Lloyd B. Crossland*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States. December 1943 to December 1945.

Technical Sergeant *James W. Cumming* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 15 September to 28 October 1944.

First Sergeant *Francis M. Foley* (Army serial No.), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. January to May 1945.

Captain *Albert W. Klika*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 15 September to 28 October 1944.

Major *William H. McGuire*, , Air Corps, United States Army. 25 September 1944 to 1 May 1945.

Chaplain (major) *Vernon O. Rogers*, , Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. April 1944 to August 1945.

Major *Homer H. Splittgerber*, , Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. 20 April to 16 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant *Dale C. Taylor* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Air Corps, United States Army. 7 December 1941.

Technical Sergeant *Jean D. Theus* (Army serial No.) (then staff sergeant), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 15 September to 28 October 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Sidney F. Wogan*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. November 1942 to October 1943.

Master Sergeant *David H. Wroughton* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, United States Army. 25 December 1942 to 12 November 1944.

VI. 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 and enlisted man:

Major *Robert L. Brown*, (then captain), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. December 1941 to November 1943.

Sergeant *John T. Fox* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 11 March to 22 October 1947.

Captain *Stanley V. Lesneski*, , Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. 10 September 1947 to 25 February 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Joe E. McKnight*, , Medical Service Corps (then captain, Medical Administrative Corps), United States Army. December 1941 to July 1942.

Major *Edward H. Olsen*, (then captain), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 15 February to 1 April 1945.

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 enlisted men:

Private *Frank J. Bowman, Jr.* (Army serial No.), Infantry, United States Army. 20 July 1948.

Private *Andrew Falwell* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. 12 June 1947.

Sergeant First Class *William R. Hughes* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. August 1948.

Sergeant First Class *Robert P. Neel* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. August 1948.

Private First Class *Lynn A. Overdorff* (Army serial No.), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. 20 October 1948.

Private *Charles E. Walker* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. 12 June 1947.

VII. COMMENDATION RIBBON.—So much of paragraph 1, section II, DA General Orders 79, 1948, as reads "First Lieutenant *August J. Sable*" is amended to read "First Lieutenant *August J. Sabel.*"

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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