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I. 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 officer and enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant *Charles L. Peacock* (Army serial No. _____), Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action, on 29 May 1944, as engineer and top turret gunner of a B-24 type aircraft on an operational mission to Tutow Air Field, Germany. After his aircraft had been severely damaged by enemy antiaircraft fire and the pilot had given the bail-out order, Sergeant *Peacock* calmly forced the right bombay door open with an axe, enabling the other crew members to escape safely. He then remained with the pilot until the aircraft crashed in the Baltic Sea. The outstanding courage and steadfast devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant *Peacock* reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Second Lieutenant *Leslie T. Speer*, _____, Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action, on 6 February 1945, as copilot of a B-25 type aircraft on an operational mission to Rovereto, Italy. During the bomb run, the aircraft was hit by intense and accurate antiaircraft fire which severed the left wing and disabled one engine, causing the aircraft to rapidly lose speed and altitude. After the order to abandon ship had been given by the pilot, Lieutenant *Speer* remained at his station to help the pilot control the aircraft, thus enabling the five crew members to parachute safely before another direct hit further damaged the aircraft, causing it to crash in enemy territory. The outstanding courage and steadfast devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant *Speer* reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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 to the following-named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant *Robert F. Mattice* (Army serial No. _____) (then sergeant), Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action, on 3 August 1944, as ball turret gunner of a B-17 type aircraft on an operational mission over Germany. After the aircraft sustained severe damage from enemy antiaircraft fire and the bail-out order was given, Sergeant *Mattice*, although wounded and with total disregard for his safety, delayed his exit in order to drag an unconscious fellow crew member from his position to the waist hatch, where he pulled the rip cord of his parachute and threw him out of the airplane. The aggressiveness, outstanding courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant *Mattice* reflect great credit on himself and the Army of the United States.

Staff Sergeant *Albert M. Sandlin* (Army serial No.) (then sergeant), Air Corps, Army of the United States, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy, on 12 September 1944, while serving with the 511th Bomb Squadron, Eighth Air Force, on a combat mission over Germany. En route to the target, his aircraft, on which he was serving as waist gunner, was crippled by flak, forcing the crew to bail out. Sergeant *Sandlin* refused to leave the airplane until he had administered oxygen and first aid to a wounded comrade and helped him clear the airplane a few moments before the airplane exploded. Sergeant *Sandlin's* heroic action saved the life of his crew mate.

Staff Sergeant *James A. Wakefield* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action, on 17 August 1943, as waist gunner of a B-17 type aircraft on an operational mission to Schweinfurt, Germany. En route to the target, the aircraft sustained severe damage from enemy fighters. Although seriously wounded in both legs and after the bail-out order had been given, Sergeant *Wakefield* continued to defend the aircraft from his waist-gun position and shot down two enemy aircraft. The tenacity of purpose, exceptional courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant *Wakefield* reflect great credit on himself and the United States military service.

Corporal *William L. Ware* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy in the Philippine Islands, on 29 December 1941, while a member of Battery F, 60th Coast Artillery Regiment. During the heavy bombing by the Japanese of Fort Mills, Corregidor, the communications between the guns and the fire control instruments in battalion headquarters were severed. With utter disregard for his safety and upon his own initiative, he ran a communication line between battery and battalion command posts, a distance of 350 yards. Corporal *Ware's* gallant actions were of great aid to the heroic defenders on Corregidor and reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

III. LEGION OF MERIT.—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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Colonel *James A. McDonnell*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. February 1942 to July 1946. (This award supersedes the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Colonel *McDonnell* for meritorious service from 1 March 1942 to 20 January 1944, by letter 24 May 1943 from the Commanding General, Air Matériel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

IV. LEGION OF MERIT.—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, in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *Charles M. Ford*, Royal Naval Reserve. August 1942 to December 1945.

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 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 officer and enlisted man:

Sergeant *Eugene Gamba* (Army serial No. _____), Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic conduct in action on 8 September 1944. After a successful crash landing of his aircraft in enemy-occupied France, Sergeant *Gamba* and six other crew members were taken prisoner. While en route to a prisoner of war camp, Sergeant *Gamba* organized his comrades in an attack on the German guards and was killed in his attempt to escape. The courage, aggressiveness, and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant *Gamba* reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States.

Second Lieutenant *Warren J. Wade*, _____, Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic conduct in action on 8 September 1944. After a successful crash landing of his aircraft in enemy-occupied France, Lieutenant *Wade* and six other crew members were taken prisoner. While en route to a prisoner of war camp, Lieutenant *Wade* organized his comrades in an attack on the German guards and was killed in his attempt to escape. The courage, aggressiveness, and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant *Wade* reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States.

VI. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—1. 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 officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade *Perry P. Alperovitz* (Army serial No. _____), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. December 1944 to September 1945.

Master Sergeant *Roland J. Charlebois* (Army serial No. _____) (then technical sergeant), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 21 September to 28 October 1945.

Major *Harold J. Dollinger*, _____, Air Corps, Army of the United States. July 1943 to January 1944.

Staff Sergeant *Dale W. Hawkins* (Army serial No. _____), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. January to May 1945.

Staff Sergeant *Edward G. Honey* (Army serial No. _____), Air Corps, Army of the United States. December 1944 to May 1945.

Corporal *Edward B. Pierce* (Army serial No. _____) (then private), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. December 1944 to May 1945.

2. 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 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:

Private *Junior V. Olugston* (Army serial No. _____), Armored Cavalry, Army of the United States. 1 February 1945.

Sergeant *Carl F. Steber* (Army serial No. _____) (then private first class), Infantry, Army of the United States. 1 February 1945.

VII. 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:

Master Sergeant *James R. Carroll* (Army serial No. _____), United States Army. 10 January to 18 May 1949.

Captain *George W. Magladry, Jr.*, _____, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. 31 January to 16 February 1949.

Lieutenant Colonel *Edward T. Whiting*, _____, Field Artillery, United States Army. June 1948 to May 1949.

Captain *Theodore Wyckoff*, _____, Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. June 1947 to May 1949.

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

Colonel *Hurley E. Fuller*, _____, Infantry, United States Army. 21 October to 3 November 1948.

VIII. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.—By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 14, AR 260-15, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following unit of the Army of the United States for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated. The citation reads as follows:

The *628th Army Air Forces Band* is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the South Atlantic Theater from December 1944 to September 1945. Assigned the mission of preparing and rendering appropriate music for ceremonies, concerts, shows and dances for units, officials and civilians in the theater, and leading cities of Brazil, the unit performed its many assignments with considerable success. These accomplishments contributed materially to the training and entertainment of military personnel as well as to enhance the friendship and cordiality between the United States, Brazil, and the British subjects of Ascension Island. The *628th Army Air Forces Band's* achievements in consistently maintaining an exceptionally high standard of professional performance, morale, discipline, and devotion to duty reflect great credit on itself, the Air Corps, and the Army of the United States.

IX. COMMENDATION RIBBON—So much of paragraph 2, section VI, DA General Orders 81, 1949, as pertains to Sergeant *Obidio B. Bello* and reads "Philippine Scouts" is amended to read "United States Army."

X. BATTLE HONORS.—Paragraph 9, section V, WD General Orders 119, 1946, pertaining to the *468th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion*, is amended to include *Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 17th Airborne Division Artillery* (parachute elements only).

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

J. LAWTON COLLINS
Chief of Staff, United States Army