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I. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under 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:

Second Lieutenant *Sylvester O. Bitter, Jr.*, , Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company K, 305th Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy near Deposito, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 December 1944. During an attack his platoon was held up by intense fire from a well dug-in strong point. Seeing that his men were being disorganized by this fire, he determined to attack. Organizing the platoon, he led the assault and the men, inspired by his example, overran the position. In this gallant action, Lieutenant *Bitter* was killed. His fearless example reflects great credit on himself and the United States Infantry.

Private *José Guevarra* (Service No), Infantry, Philippine Scouts, a member of Company H, 57th Infantry, Philippine Scouts, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy in Bataan from 27 to 29 January 1942. As a member of the battalion that destroyed the enemy forces on Lungos Kawayan Point, his courageous actions were an inspiration to his comrades. Private *Guevarra's* heroic achievements reflect great credit on himself and the Philippine Scouts.

II. SILVER STAR.—1. By direction of the President, under 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 officers, enlisted men, and civilian:

Captain *Brewster G. Gallup*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by courageous action on 18 April 1942. During an intense bombardment of Corregidor by enemy batteries on Bataan, a shell fragment cut the halyard of the fortress flag. As the colors descended, Captain *Gallup* and two comrades ran to the pole, gathered the flag in their arms, and kept it from touching the ground. Working fast, despite the furious shelling, they repaired the halyard and raised the flag again. This conspicuous act of gallantry was an inspiration to the heroic defenders of the Philippines.

Staff Sergeant *Lawrence M. McQueeney* (Service No.) (then sergeant), Corps of Military Police, United States Army, a member of Military Police Company, II Philippine Corps, displayed gallantry in action near Lamoa, Bataan, on 5 April 1942. During a bombing raid, he voluntarily left his place of shelter to rescue a severely wounded man who was trapped in an inclosed fox hole and endangered by exploding ammunition. Sergeant *McQueeney's* courage and complete disregard for safety reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

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Staff Sergeant *Harold R. Morter, Jr.* (Service No.) (then private first class), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company K, 63d Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy near Munoz, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, on 7 February 1945. After a heavy tank battle the night before, his platoon was mopping up a large enemy force. Approaching a deep ditch, the platoon was held up by a barrage of hand grenades. Without thought of his safety, he crawled to the ditch, after throwing two grenades, rushed the position, and in hand-to-hand combat killed three of the enemy. Sergeant *Morter's* heroic action enabled the platoon to advance and complete its mission.

Honorio Punongbayan, Filipino civilian, distinguished himself by courageous action on 18 April 1942. During an intense bombardment of Corregidor by enemy batteries on Bataan, a shell fragment cut the halyard of the fortress flag. As the colors descended, Mr. *Punongbayan* and two soldiers ran to the pole, gathered the flag in their arms, and kept it from touching the ground. Working fast, despite the furious shelling, they repaired the halyard and raised the flag again. This conspicuous act of gallantry was an inspiration to the heroic defenders of the Philippines.

Colonel *Henry J. Royall,* (then lieutenant colonel), Infantry, United States Army, a member of the 334th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Linnich, Germany, on 30 November and 1 December 1944. He led his battalion with a display of calm courage and fighting spirit to a successful capture of terrain features essential to a planned crossing of the Roer River. Exposing himself to ground fire in the forward rifle areas, he furnished the example necessary to keep the battalion advancing. During the action he suffered severe shocks and concussion from enemy shell fire and was wounded by small-arms fire. By his fearless leadership and devotion to duty, Colonel *Royall* fully upheld the finest traditions of the United States Infantry. (Par. 4, sec. VII, DA General Orders 27, 1948, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Colonel *Royall* for meritorious achievement during the same period is rescinded.)

Major *John D. Semken*, Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, British Army, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. As leader of a British tank squadron, his superior direction of these supporting elements contributed in a large measure to the success of the entire operation. The military skill and aggressive leadership displayed on this occasion by Major *Semken* reflect high credit on himself and the military service of his country.

2. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Silver Star (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for gallantry in action during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant *Elza R. Smith* (Service No.), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by courageous action on 18 April 1942. During an intense bombardment of Corregidor by enemy batteries on Bataan, a shell fragment cut the halyard of the fortress flag. As the colors descended, Sergeant *Smith* and two comrades ran to the pole, gathered the flag in their arms, and kept it from touching the ground. Working fast, despite the furious shelling, they repaired the halyard and raised the flag again. The conspicuous act of gallantry was an inspiration to the heroic defenders of the Philippines.

III. LEGION OF MERIT.—By direction of the President, under 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 officer and enlisted man:

Colonel *Theodore L. Bartlett*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. June 1943 to December 1944.

Master Sergeant *Robert T. Wyatt* (Service No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. August 1947 to May 1948.

IV. LEGION OF MERIT.—1. By direction of the President, under 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 Chief Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

His Excellency Major General *José Humberto Sosa Molina*, Minister of National Defense of Argentina. June 1946 to February 1949.

2. By direction of the President, under 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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant General *Victor Jaime Majo*, Argentine Army. May 1946 to December 1948.

Lieutenant General *Leobardo C. Ruiz*, Mexican Army. February 1947 to March 1950.

Lieutenant General *Juan Carlos Sanguinetti*, Argentine Army. November 1945 to December 1948.

3. By direction of the President, under 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 Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Colonel *Jaime C. Velasquez*, Philippine Army. January 1947 to February 1950.

4. By direction of the President, under 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 Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted man:

Lieutenant Colonel *Eduardo Middleton Aguirre*, Chilean Air Force. 1947 to April 1950.

Private *Evanghiles Raphtopoulos*, Greek Army. 17 February 1949.

Colonel *Santiago Robles Rivera*, Chilean Army, 1946 to April 1950.

V. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under 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 posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class *James M. Snell* (Service No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, displayed heroism on Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, on 18 February 1950. While swimming with a companion north of Eniwetok Island he noticed his friend was in distress. He swam promptly to his friend's aid and supported him until he was able to swim for shore. As they neared the beach, Private *Snell*, exhausted by his efforts, was unable to reach safety and was drowned. The heroism and self-sacrifice displayed by Private *Snell* on this occasion reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Corporal *Kenneth M. Watson* (Service No.), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, displayed heroism at Camp Carson, Colorado, on 17 January 1950. When a fire threatened to engulf the entire camp area, he took charge of fighting a flaming barracks. With utter disregard for safety, he seized a hose, climbed through a window, and put out the fire. Although seriously burned, he joined a detail fighting other burning buildings. When a piece of flaming wreckage fell on another soldier, without hesitation, Corporal *Watson* ran to the soldier and dragged him out of the fire. Corporal *Watson* was finally overcome and suffered fatal burns. His heroic actions upheld the highest traditions of the service.

VI. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—1. By direction of the President, under 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, warrant officers, and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant *Victor R. Alexander* (Service No.), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. July 1943 to March 1945.

Captain *Robert M. Brackbill*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. January 1944 to May 1945.

Sergeant *David H. Brunner* (Service No.) (then corporal), Air Corps, Army of the United States. April and May 1945.

First Lieutenant *Charles T. Burch*, , Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 24 and 25 December 1944.

Corporal *Carl Frech* (Service No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. April and May 1945.

First Lieutenant *William J. Lawlor*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States. October 1944 to April 1945.

Warrant Officer (junior grade) *Robert A. Mabry* ( ) (then master sergeant, Service No.), United States Army. March 1943 to February 1944.

Captain *Raymond J. Miller*, (then first lieutenant), Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. October 1943 to November 1944.

Colonel *Walter A. Ostendorf*, (then lieutenant colonel), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. July 1944 to June 1945.

Warrant Officer (junior grade) *Joseph G. Pase* ( ) (then first sergeant, Service No.), United States Army. April 1942 to September 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles G. Pirkle*, , Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. August 1944 to May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Aldo L. Raffa*, (then major), Air Corps, Army of the United States. September 1943 to February 1944.

Private First Class *Gilbert Silver* (Service No.), Infantry, United States Army. September 1944 to May 1945.

Captain *William H. Timlin*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. March 1944 to March 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Edgar A. Wilkerson*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. August to October 1944.

2. By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel *Gerald E. DuBois*, (then lieutenant colonel), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. January 1943 to January 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph W. Shamel*, (then major), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 25 and 26 April 1945.

VII..BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under 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 to the following-named officers:

First Lieutenant *Frederick W. Giggey*, (then second lieutenant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by courageous action on 5 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. During a move of American prisoners of war in Germany, the column was halted beside an ammunition train. Allied airplanes spotted the train, bombed the area, and created havoc among the prisoners. Lieutenant *Giggey*, realizing the desperate situation, took command. Despite the exploding ammunition, he restored order and directed the care of the wounded. His initiative and courage during a difficult situation saved many lives and reflect great credit on himself.

First Lieutenant *Cornelius C. Vaessen*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States, a member of Company A, 2829th Engineer Battalion, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in the vicinity of Rohrwiller, France, on 3 February 1945. When a bridge was required for a tank-supported attack, he led his platoon to the site and, under direct enemy observation and fire, erected a 60-foot Bailey bridge in less than 2 hours. Lieutenant *Vaessen's* leadership and inspiration in a difficult situation made a marked contribution to the successful operations in the Rohrwiller area.

VIII..COMMENDATION RIBBON.—1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under 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 officer, and enlisted man:

Master Sergeant *Elmer J. Allen* (Service No.), Infantry, United States Army. January 1947 to January 1950.

Chief Warrant Officer *Arthur D. Johnson* ( ), Signal Corps, United States Army. June 1946 to November 1947.

Captain *Jay P. Thomas*, 049885, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. October 1947 to October 1949.

Captain *Richard S. Ware, Jr.*, , Field Artillery, United States Army. October 1948 to January 1950.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under 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 First Class *Alexander J. Barsamian* (Service No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. 17 November 1949.

Corporal *Robert D. Kennedy* (Service No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. 17 November 1949.

Corporal *Delton A. McAnally* (Service No.) (then private first class), Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Troop, 124th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Texas National Guard, Pecos, Texas. 11 June 1949.

Sergeant First Class *Glen P. Sullivan* (Service No.), Infantry, United States Army. 4 July 1949.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under 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:

Major *Warren K. Bennett*, , Infantry, United States Army. February 1948 to July 1949.

Lieutenant Colonel *Harris W. Holsinger*, (then major), Infantry, Army of the United States. August 1942 to February 1944.

Colonel *Nelson Leclair, Jr.* (then lieutenant colonel), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. October 1945 to March 1947.

Colonel *Stephen Y. McGiffert*, Field Artillery, United States Army. September 1945 to January 1948.

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

Captain *John A. Richards*, , Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. 5 May 1947.

IX. MEDAL OF HONOR.—So much of section I, WD General Orders 84, 1944, pertaining to Second Lieutenant *Thomas W. Fowler*, as reads " " is amended to read " ."

X. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—So such of paragraph 4, section XIV, WD General Orders 139, 1946, as pertains to Major *Charles T. Brown* and reads "Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read "Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster)."

XI. AIR MEDAL.—So much of section IX WD General Orders 8, 1946, as reads "First Lieutenant *Robert H. Morlan*, ," is amended to read "First Lieutenant *Robert M. Morlan*, ."

XII. COMMENDATION RIBBON.—1. So much of paragraph 3, section X, DA General Orders 7, 1950, pertaining to Warrant Officer (junior grade) *Joseph R. Ambrose* as reads "Commendation Ribbon (first Oak-Leaf Cluster)" is amended to read "Commendation Ribbon (second Oak-Leaf Cluster)."

2. So much of paragraph 3, section VIII, DA General Orders 50, 1949, pertaining to Major *Elias F. Liakos* as reads " " is amended to read "O32238."

3. So much of paragraph 1, section X, DA General Orders 7, 1950, as pertains to Major *William W. Vance* and reads "Commendation Ribbon" is amended to read "Commendation Ribbon (first Oak-Leaf Cluster)."

XIII. BATTLE HONORS.—Section III, DA General Orders 49, 1948, pertaining to the *105th Infantry Regiment* (less 3d Battalion and Company G), is amended to include *Company A, 102d Engineer Combat Battalion* (less 3d Platoon).

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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