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1. DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul. 143, WD, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel David H. Biakclook, (then brigadier general), Cavalry (Transportation Corps), United States Army. 23 September 1944 to 21 June 1945. (This award supersedes the award of the Legion of Merit (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Colonel Blakelock, for service during the same period, as published in General Orders 359, Head-quarters United States Army Forces, Pacific, 27 November 1945.)

Colonel Lawrence B. Sohick, (then brigadler general), Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. 17 July 1944 to 21 June 1945. (This award supersedes the award of the Legion of Merit (first Oak-Cluster) to Colonel Schick, for service from 11 September 1944 to 21 June 1945, as published in General Orders 428, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Pacific, 27 December 1945.)

II..SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul. 48, WD, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the periods indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant Arthur A. Amron, , Cavalry, Army of the United States, a member of the 48th Matériel Squadron, displayed gallantry in action on 25 February 1942 at Balanga, Bataan, Philippine Islands. His patrol attacked and eliminated the outguards near a strong enemy position in a church. Lieutenant Amron and another man then rushed the entrance to the church. Meeting direct enemy fire, they engaged the enemy gunners and, killing them, mounted the staircase to the observation post, destroying three more of the enemy with grenades and rifle fire and apparently clearing the enemy position. Suddenly automatic fire from a hidden enemy gunner struck Lieutenant Amron and hostile support fire began registering on the position from another area. Fintally wounded and unable to go with the patrol, Lieutenant Amron ordered the men to leave him and immediately withdraw from the area then under heavy enemy fire, thereby demonstrating indomitable courage and a regard for his comrades in keeping with highest traditions of the military service.

Private George H. Cooper (Army serial No. ), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company C, 102d Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action on 20 April 1018, in the vicinity of Scicheprey, France.

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Corporal George Gritzback (Army serial No. 64022), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company C, 102d Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action, on 20 April 1018, in the vicinity of Scicheprey, France.

Lieutenant Colonel F. Raymond King. Cavalry, Army of the United States, displayed gallantry in action at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 April 1945. While attacking Mt. Malepunyo, the advance of the 8th Cavalry Regiment was held up by intense enemy sniper, mortar, and machine-gun fire from concealed weapons. Colonel King, commanding officer of the 1st Squadron, fear-lessly employed the radio of the forward mortar observer and, while in an exposed position, directed fire at the Japanese positions with such success that the squadron could advance. Colonel King, however, was fatally wounded by machine-gun fire. Through his sound judgment and courageous action, and with complete disregard for personal safety, Colonel King made a vital contribution to the successful operations of his squadron and upheld the highest traditions of the military service.

III\_SILVER STAR.—1. 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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal Oharles L. Boucher (Army serial No. ), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company C, 102d Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action, on 20 April 1918, in the vicinity of Seicheprey, France.

Lieutenant Colonel Lester J. Chase, (then captain), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of the 18th Infantry, Philippine Army, displayed gallantry in action near Gungua, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1942. During an attack on the regimental sector, he demonstrated outstanding courage and leadership in directing operations against the foe. His exemplary conduct and disregard for personal safety were in constant evidence as he worked to reorganize the position. By his gallant action and devotion to duty, Colonel Chase contributed in a marked degree to the heroic defense of a position which permitted the successful withdrawal of several other units.

Sergeant Blias B. Denuna (then private), Infantry, Philippine Army, on 24 March 1942, displayed gallantry in action in Mindanao, Philippine Islands. During a bitter engagement in which his company finally was ordered to withdraw, he discovered an officer severely wounded and unable to move with the unit. Under the heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Denuna placed the officer on a tree limb for movement and then ran through the continuing enemy fire to tell of their location. Immediately he returned and, with great difficulty, began moving the stricken man toward the rear, until, finally, an aid party arrived and helped to carry the injured man to safety. Sergeant Denuna's courage under hostile fire in the face of the approaching enemy and his determination to aid his wounded comrade are in keeping with highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal Arthur M. Hubbard (Army serial No. ) (then private), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company C, 102d Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action, on 20 April 1918, in the vicinity of Seicheprey, France.

First Lieutenant George A. Ortega, (then third lieutenant), Corps of Engineers, Philippine Scouts, displayed gallantry in action on the Moron-Bagae road, on 3 February 1942. When numerically superior enemy forces threatened to encircle the 1st Regular Division, Philippine Army, Lieutenant Ortega and a

special detachment blazed a trail through a gap between the Japanese forces and the sea. He organized the remnants of troops in the area and led a spirited attack against the enemy who were attempting to close the gap. Under heavy enemy fire and with complete disregard for his safety, he directed the fire against enemy mortar and automatic weapons and encouraged the men to hold their positions against fierce enemy assaults. The enemy attack was broken and the withdrawal gap secured. Through his marked heroism, initiative, and leadership, Lieutenant Ortega contributed materially to the heroic defense of the Philippines.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul. 48, WD, 1918), the Silver Star (third Oak-Leaf Cluster) for gallantry in action during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

First Sergeant Theodore L. Dobol (Army serial No. ) (then technical sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 26th Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action, on 9 June 1944, at St. Anne, France, where his regiment was engaged in holding its initial beachhead objective. During the night, he was given the mission of contacting the British 56th Brigade at a prearranged point. After proceeding several hundred yards, Sergeant Dobol and his small patrol ran into the flank of an enemy counterattacking force. He and his patrol took this superior force under fire and disrupted their attack. Attempting to return to his command post, he was jumped by two Germans. In the ensuing fight, he killed both of the enemy and succeeded in reaching his commanding officer with information which proved valuable in repulsing the attack. Sergeant Dobol's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed services.

IV.\_LEGION OF MERIT.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9200, 20 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 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 posthumously to the following-named officer:

Mnjor General Archer L. Lerch, United States Army. January 1946 to September 1947.

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

Lieutenant Colonel Charles P. Baerman, , Field Artillery, United

States Army. January to June 1945.

Colonel Paul D. Goddard, (then lieutenant colonel), Infantry, Army of the United States. July 1944 to November 1945. (This award supersedes the awards, to Colonel Goddard, of the Bronze Star Medal for service from 6 July to 27 November 1944, as published in General Orders 31, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, 6 March 1945, and the Army Commendation Ribbon for service from 2 September to 10 November 1945.)

Major Bill J. Holland. (then captain), Cavalry, Army of the United States. March 1948 to March 1945.

Licutement Colonel Anthony F. Kleitz, Jr., Cavalry, United States
Army, August 1944 to May 1945. (This award supersedes the

awards, to Lieutenant Colonel Kleitz, of the Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for service from 25 August to 13 December 1044, as published in General Orders 72, Headquarters XIII Corps, 20 December 1044, and the Bronze Star Medal (third Oak-Leaf Cluster) for service from 30 March to 30 April 1945, as published in General Orders 288, Headquarters United States Forces, European Theater, 11 September 1945.)

Lieutenant Colonel Richard H. Lawson, (then colonel), Infantry, United States Army. January to July 1945.

Colonel Russell C. Snyder, Field Artillery, United States Army.

May 1943 to April 1945 and May 1945 to January 1946.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40. WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 1942), the Legion of Merit (first Onk-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel William J. Kennard, (then lieutenant colonel), Medical Corps, United States Army. December 1941 to April 1942.

Colonel Leland H. Stanford, , Signal Corps, United States Army.
August 1042 to November 1943.

VI\_LEGION OF MERIT.—4. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 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:

Air Commodore Raymond G. Hart, Royal Air Force. 15 November 1943 to 15 October 1944.

Acting Air Vice Marshal Harold Lydford, Royal Air Force. July 1942 to August 1944.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel F. A. deMoleyns, British Army. August 1942 to September 1945.
Brigadier Francis Noville Mitchell, British Army. January 1944 to May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel William Innes Moberley, British Army. August 1944 to July 1945.

Wing Commander Arthur P. Morley, Royal Air Force. June 1942 to February 1944.

Wing Commander Frederik W. Todd, Royal Air Force. November 1948 to October 1944.

Wing Commander Oharles E. H. Verity, Royal Air Force. 1 June 1942 to 1 May 1944.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order 9260,

29 October 1042 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 1042); the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major Frank C. Lawton, British Army. July 1943 to July 1945.

VII.\_BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—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 heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant Arthur P. Furaggan, , Cavalry, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in the Philippine Islands from May 1942 to August 1948. Upon the cessation of organized resistance in the Philippine Islands, Lieutenant Furaggan volunteered to construct a radio transmitter from improvised equipment for Troop C, 26th Cavalry, Philippine Scouts. Fully realizing the consequences of his activity if captured by the enemy and working with only inadequate supplies, he was successful in October 1942 when contact was made with a War Department radio station in the United States. He continued in his valiant efforts to aid the guerrilla movement until captured and executed by the Japanese. Through his exceptional competence, courage, and devotion to duty, Lieutenant Furaggan made a noteworthy contribution to the heroic defense of the Philippine Islands.

VIII.-BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—1. 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 is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Willie W. Adams, Jr. (Army serial No. ), Infantry, Army of the United States. September 1944 to August 1045.

Corporal Henry Arnstein (Army serial No. ), Air Corps, Army of the United States. December 1942 to September 1944.

Master Sergeant William M. Billings (Army serial No. ), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. February to September 1944.

Identement Robert H. Bongrand, French Army. October 1944 to May 1945.
 Master Sergeant Adrian L. Bregnard (Army serial No. ) (then major, O321605), Infantry (Signal Corps), United States Army.
 20 March to 15 August 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Berton H. Burns, Air Corps, United States Army. 1 May to 15 August 1945.

Captain Stephen H. Crosby, Jr.. (then second lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army. 24 to 27 December 1941.

Lieutenant Azorin Daniels, French Army. January to April 1945.

First Lieutenant Manuel Dayag, 52189, Infantry, Philippine Army. 1 to 4 July 1045.

Lieutenant Colonel Melvin A. Diliman, (then major), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. March 1944 to May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Adolph W. Eberic, . Air Corps, United States
Army (Corps of Military Police). March 1944 to January 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Hazeltine, Jr., Cavalry, United States Army. May 1943 to April 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel George F. Heinz, (then major), Adjutant General's Department, Army of the United States. August 1944to August 1945.

Colonel David W. S. Hunt, British Army. 1 December 1948 to 20 March 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Lester II. Jasper (then major), Dental Corps,
Army of the United States.

Master Sergeant Joseph J. Klein (Army serial No. ), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. June 1944 to March 1945.

Major Harry V. Lemery, (then captain), Air Corps (Ordnance Department), Army of the United States. May to August 1945.

First Lieutenant Richard W. Lindheim, (then second lieutenant), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to June 1945. Major Salvatore J. Mancuso, Coast Artillery Corps, United States

Army. August 1944 to February 1946.

Master Sergeant Ralph R. Mickles (Army serial No. ), Air Corps, Army of the United States. September 1944 to September 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry O. Porter, (then major), Air Corps (Ordnance Department), United States Army. December 1941 to April 1942.

Corporal Truman O. Pritchett (Army serial No. ) (then staff sergeant), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. January to September 1944.

Major Norman S. P. Rowe, British Army. November 1943 to March 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Oarl M. Sciple, (then colonel), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. April to September 1945.

Brigadier William Ernest Underhill, British Army. January to June 1945. Staff Sergeant John M. Vaughn (Army serial No. ), Air Corps, Army of the United States. September 1943.

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 (first Ouk-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel Edson Schull, , Infantry, United States Army. January to May 1943.

IX. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9410, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, Bul. 8, WD, 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 officer, warrant officer, enlisted men, and individual:

Etienne Albertini, French civilian, serving as a member of the French resistance forces on 26 August 1944, volunteered and entered an area which was under extremely heavy shell fire to rescue five American wounded soldiers. Mr. Albertini's courageous and selfless action in saving these men from almost certain death reflects great credit on himself and his country.

Major Rigoberto J. Atienza, (then lieutenant colonel), Corps of Engineers, Philippine Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands on 18 February 1945. Major Atenza, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of guerrillas attached to the 11th Airborne Division, demonstrated superior command ability

and courage in skillfully directing a successful attack against well-entrenched enemy troops occupying a prominent ridge in the vicinity of Bagumbayan, Rizal, Luzon. When intense enemy machine-gun, rifle, and mortar fire forced a withdrawal, Major Attenza rallied his troops, moving from squad to squad in the face of enemy fire with complete disregard for the danger to which he was exposed. Inspired by his gallant leadership, the men regained courage, staged a determined counterattack, and dislodged the enemy, causing them to withdraw. Through his heroic action and devotion to duty, Major Attenza made a vital contribution to the success of guerrilla warfare in the Philippine Islands.

Private First Class Estan J. Bloom (Army serial No. ), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company L, 395th Infantry Regiment, demonstrated heroic achievement, on 25 April 1945, near Kirchenhauser, Germany. Under an intense mortar barrage, he voluntarily exposed himself to go to the aid of a seriously wounded man. Private Bloom's courage and heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

Warrant Officer Matthew D. Monk (then sergeant), United States Marine Corps, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in the defense of Corregidor during January and February 1942. As assistant to the supply officer, First Battalion, 4th Marines, he transported food and water to the east sector in the face of Japanese artiliery fire and air activity. He voluntarily made several trips each day, despite heavy and frequent bombardments, in order to keep the troops provided with badly needed supplies. Warrant Officer Monk's courage and performance of duty were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed services.

Private James A. Whittaker (Army serial No. ), Cavalry, Army of the United States, a member of the 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Belgium between 19 and 21 December 1944. For 3 days, without sleep and under German artillery, tank, and smallarms fire, Private Whittaker relayed artillery fire commands by radio from the front line to the supporting artillery. He was instrumental in breaking up numerous German assaults before they were able to close with the American line. He continued to relay artillery fire orders, although entirely cut off and surrounded by the enemy. Private Whittaker's efforts contributed materially to the halting of the German Ardennes offensive before St. Vith.

X..AIR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (sec. III, Bul. 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Captain A. Bernheim, French Army. May to August 1944.

Group Captain Douglas M. Edwards, Royal Canadian Air Force. December 1944 to April 1945.

Captain J. Kessel, French Army. May to August 1944.

XI. ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON.—1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 17.1, AR 600-45, the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel Nathan A. Brown, Jr., General Staff Corps (Military Intelligence), Army of the United States. January 1944 to November 1947.

Technician Fourth Grade Melvin Francis Ohiles, Jr. (Army serial No.
) (then technician fifth grade), Transportation Corps,
United States Army. 5 July 1947.

Staff Sergeant Joseph P. DiFeterici (Army serial No. ), Coast.
Artillery Corps, United States Army. 2 July 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel Philip Felnberg, Finance Department, United States Army, October 1948 to September 1946.

Master Sergeant William N. Jarvey (Army serial No. ), Finance Department, United States Army. June 1946 to March 1947.

Technical Sergeant R. B. Jones (Army serial No. ), Ordnance Department, United States Army. August 1946 to August 1947.

Colonel Miner C. Markham., Air Corps, Army of the United States.

May to September 1948.

Colonel Merrifield G. Martting,

(then lieutenant colonel), Corps of

6 O. Engineove, United States Army. April 1042 to May 1943.

Colonel Timothy J. McCoy, (then Heutenant colonel), Cavalry, Army of the United States. January to September 1948.

Colonel Walter O. Stanton, General Staff Corps (Field Artillery),
United States Army. July 1946 to February 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel William W. Sturdy, , Signal Corps, United States Army, 27 November 1945 to 1 October 1946.

Major Judson W. Wark. Corps of Engineers, United States Army.

August 1945 to September 1947.

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

Major Earle R. Knauer, (then captain), Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. May to September 1948.

XII.\_DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—So much of section II, General Orders 20. War Department, 1947, pertaining to Brigadier General Guy O. Fort, 0952805, Army of the United States, as reads "Army of the United States" is amended to read "Philippine Army."

XIII. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—1. So much of paragraph 1, section VII, General Orders 28, War Department, 1947, as pertains to Captain William B. Donovan, Philippine Army, is rescinded.

2. So much of paragraph 2, section VI, General Orders 70. War Department, 1947, pertaining to First Lieutenant Clarence J. Kunol, Infantry, as reads "Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously" is amended to read "Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) is awarded posthumously."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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