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I..DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul. 43, WD, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy during the period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant *Frank F. Aiello* (Army serial No. _____), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company M, 39th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action at Kasserine Pass, Tunisia, on 20 February 1943. While serving as leader of a section of machine guns, he was painfully wounded by an enemy grenade. Although ordered to seek first aid, he refused to leave his position, which was under heavy enemy attack, but continued to direct his section in repelling those attacks. Several hours later, when the platoon sector became untenable as a result of enemy penetrations and withdrawal to a new position though heavy machine-gun fire was ordered, Sergeant *Aiello* elected to remain behind, firing a machine gun at the advancing enemy to protect the withdrawal of his men by drawing to himself the fire and attention of the enemy. In so doing, he was mortally wounded.

II..DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul. 43, WD, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Medal (third Oak-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to the following-named officer.

General of the Army *Dwight D. Eisenhower*, _____, United States Army. As Chief of Staff, United States Army.

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:

First Lieutenant *Juan M. Duyan*, _____ (then second Lieutenant), Infantry, Philippine Army, commanding the 3d Platoon, Company F, 11th Infantry, Philippine Army, from 7 to 9 February 1942, displayed gallantry in action near Pilar-Bagac Road, Bataan, Philippine Islands. He led his platoon in a counterattack against a greatly superior enemy force, but unable to reestablish contact with the regiment, he directed the men to organize for defense. Digging fox holes with bayonets and sharpened bamboo, and with few rifles, little ammunition, and no food, the platoon held the position against repeated Japanese attacks. For 2 days Lieutenant *Duyan* led the vallant unit in a desperate defense until, finally, other units fought through. Then, resupplied with food and ammunition, the

platoon immediately joined in a series of attacks and destroyed the enemy who penetrated the position. Courageously leading the platoon through a 2-day siege under repeated enemy infantry and fire attacks, Lieutenant *Duyan* aided greatly in limiting the hostile penetration and contributed to the destruction of the enemy force.

Captain *William W. Jean*, (then first lieutenant), Cavalry, Army of the United States, as platoon leader, Troop F, 7th Cavalry, on 19 March 1944, displayed gallantry in action on Manus Island, Bismark Archipelago. Leading his unit on combat reconnaissance, he suddenly ran into heavy enemy machine-gun fire, which killed or wounded several of the platoon. Quickly, he made a check of the terrain under the continuing fire. Discovering a large bunker as the key to the enemy location, he designated positions for the platoon and, with one other man, crawled forward. Suddenly, he signaled the other man to open fire on the enemy position. With a grenade in each hand, Captain *Jean* made a lone assault on the enemy bunker, throwing the grenades through the gun slit and dropping to the ground. Crawling back quickly to the platoon, he assembled his men and directed the systematic clearing of the remaining enemy force. Through his personal courage and outstanding leadership, Captain *Jean* accomplished the elimination of the dangerous enemy position, which enabled the platoon to continue its advance.

2. 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 was awarded by Headquarters, Philippine Coast Artillery Command, Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, to the following-named enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant *Walter J. Wasilewski* (Army serial No.) (then corporal), Medical Department, United States Army, a member of Company A, 803d Engineer Battalion (Aviation), on 24 March 1942, displayed gallantry in action at Corregidor, Philippine Islands. During a heavy Japanese bombardment and shelling of Kindley Field and vicinity, in which several men were severely wounded, he moved without regard for his safety through the barrage of enemy shells to aid the fallen men. Passing through an area of tall grass blazing among stacks of bombs in imminent danger of exploding, he helped move the wounded soldiers to the hospital in Malinta Tunnel. Sergeant *Wasilewski's* outstanding courage and determination are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

IV. 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:

Colonel *William K. Alston*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. March 1944 to June 1945. (This award supersedes the awards to Colonel *Alston*, of the Bronze Star Medal, for service from 18 May 1944 to 11 January 1945, as published in General Orders 28, Headquarters, United States Army. Services of Supply, 27 January 1945, and the Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster), for service from 13 February to 11 June 1945, as published in General Orders 159, Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, 4 September 1945.)

Major *O. Craig Cannon*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army.
2 August 1945 to 10 February 1948.

Colonel *Eugene O. Fleming*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. September 1942 to May 1943.

Colonel *Daniel W. Hickey, Jr.*, (then brigadier general), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. December 1943 to March 1945. (This award supersedes the awards, to Colonel *Hickey*, of the Bronze Star Medal, for service from 10 December 1943 to 27 May 1944, as published in General Orders 62, Headquarters, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, 24 April 1945, and the Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster), for service from 14 August 1944 to 5 March 1945, as published in General Orders 18, IX Air Defense Command, 9 May 1945.)

Colonel *Emmett B. Littoral*, , Medical Corps, United States Army.
26 March to 9 November 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Mitchell A. Mabardy*, , Corps of Military Police (Air Corps), United States Army. July 1943 to August 1945. (This award supersedes the award of the Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Lieutenant Colonel *Mabardy*, for service from 29 March to 11 June 1944, as published in General Orders 47, Headquarters II Corps, 23 July 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 (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major General *Olovis E. Byers*, , United States Army. October 1945 to January 1948. (This award supersedes the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Major General *Byers* for service from 1 to 31 December 1945.)

Lieutenant Colonel *Paul T. Carroll*, (then colonel), General Staff Corps (Infantry), United States Army. December 1945 to February 1948.

Colonel *William H. Maglin*, , Corps of Military Police (Infantry), United States Army. October 1945 to May 1947. (This award supersedes the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Colonel *Maglin* for service from July to November 1945.)

Lieutenant Colonel *John H. Michaelis*, (then colonel), General Staff Corps (Infantry), United States Army. 5 June 1945 to 7 February 1948. (Par. 2, sec. XI, General Orders 70, WD 1947, pertaining to the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Lieutenant Colonel *Michaelis* (then colonel), for service from June 1945 to May 1947, is rescinded.)

Brigadier General *Walter J. Muller*, , United States Army. October 1945 to November 1947.

Colonel *Desmond O'Keefe*, , Air Corps (Judge Advocate General's Department), United States Army. January 1943 to July 1944. (This award supersedes the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel *O'Keefe*, for service from 14 October to 28 November 1943, as published in General Orders 205, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, 15 November 1944.)

V. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class *Edwin A. Lynch, Jr.* (Army serial No.), (then private), Cavalry, Army of the United States, a member of Troop C, 7th Cavalry Regiment, displayed outstanding heroism at the risk of his life on 15 June 1947. Seeing a soldier struggling desperately in the Sumida River and calling for help, without hesitation and with total disregard for his personal safety, Private *Lynch* plunged into the river and swam to his assistance. He reached the drowning man about the same time as another soldier and together they managed to reach shore safely. The drowning man was then revived by artificial respiration.

Private First Class *John W. O'Leary* (Army serial No.), Cavalry, United States Army, a member of Troop C, 7th Cavalry Regiment, displayed outstanding heroism at the risk of his life on 15 June 1947. Seeing a soldier struggling desperately in the Sumida River and calling for help, without hesitation and with total disregard for his personal safety, Private *O'Leary* plunged into the river and swam to his assistance. He reached the drowning man about the same time as another soldier and together they managed to reach shore safely. The drowning man was then revived by artificial respiration.

VI. 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 meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Captain *Edgar H. Dale*, O21314, Infantry, United States Army. November and December 1942.

VII. 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 man:

Captain *Warren O. Baggett*, (then first lieutenant), Ordnance Department (Infantry), Army of the United States. 15 December 1941 to 9 April 1942.

Lieutenant Colonel *Harro C. Beaman, Jr.*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. June to November 1944.

Major *Samuel M. Bloom*, (then captain), Medical Corps, Army of the United States. June 1942 to February 1945. (This award supersedes the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Major *Bloom*, for service from 8 June 1942 to 14 October 1944, as published in General Orders 229, General Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Pacific, 5 October 1945.)

First Lieutenant *Frederic T. Bockoven*, (then second lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. 16 to 19 December 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Donald L. Cook*, Dental Corps, United States Army. March to November 1944.

Colonel *Oness H. Dixon, Jr.*, Veterinary Corps, United States Army. October 1945 to March 1946.

- Major *Faustino M. Flor*, (then private first class), Philippine Army. May 1942.
- Major *Lloyd C. Hall*, (then captain), Field Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps), Army of the United States. 15 February to 22 June 1945.
- Captain *Alvin E. Moscovitz*, Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to May 1945.
- Major *Harry S. Pollard*, (then captain), Specialist Reserve, Army of the United States. September 1944 to July 1945.
- First Sergeant *George O. Simpson* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 7 December 1941.
- Lieutenant Colonel *John D. Steungert*, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. March to December 1944.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Paul Van Osdol, Jr.*, (then major), Air Corps, Army of the United States. September 1942 to July 1943.
- Captain *Joseph L. Ward*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army. July to October 1944.
- Major *Leon Zwicker*, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. November 1942 to April 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 achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

- Captain *Harold Braun*, (then second lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States. 30 May 1944.
- Captain *Harold R. Kipp*, (then technical sergeant, United States Army), Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 5 January 1942.

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 heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant *Ramon Abalon* (), Infantry, Philippine Army, a member of Company E, 11th Infantry, Philippine Army, on 9 February 1942, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near Pilar-Bagac Road, Bataan, Philippine Islands. Seeing that the tanks soon lost direction in the dense jungle growth, in a tank and infantry attack against a strong enemy force, he voluntarily climbed atop one of the vehicles and guided it through the jungle. Exposed to the full range of enemy fire atop the advancing tank, he sent a stream of bullets into an enemy machine-gun nest from the tank antiaircraft gun. Then, seeing one of the tanks disabled and surrounded by hostile soldiers, he led a group of men and, with a captured enemy mortar, killed several of the enemy and dispersed the remainder, thereby saving the tank and its crew from capture. Despite a serious wound suffered in the attack, Sergeant *Abalon* continued to demonstrate his outstanding courage, leadership, and determination and contributed greatly to the success of the attack until relieved by a supporting force.

First Lieutenant *Carl M. Blevins*. (then second lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company L, 39th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in Tunisia, French North Africa, on 21 February 1943. The mission of the company was the defense of a mountain ridge west of Kasserine Pass. During the morning, the enemy overran the position and the remnants of Company L were forced back, leaving the 2d Platoon to cover the withdrawal. Lieutenant *Blevins*, although painfully wounded, retained control of his platoon and, showing great courage and heroism, enabled the remnants of the company to fall back and reorganize in a new position. After completing his mission, he ordered what few men were left in his platoon to retire and covered their withdrawal. Lieutenant *Blevins* sacrificed his safety for his men and was captured. His courageous actions were highly commendable.

Sergeant *Johnie T. Carter* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in the Philippine Islands on 7 April 1942. During the defense of Bataan, when one of his comrades was wounded by enemy mortar fire and unable to walk, he carried this soldier for a mile through the jungle to where five other soldiers lay wounded. He then attracted a passing jeep and evacuated all six to a hospital through enemy fire. Sergeant *Carter's* actions reflect great credit on himself.

Major *Georae J. Heil, Jr.*, (then captain), Infantry, United States Army, a member of the 16th Infantry Regiment and commanding Company F, on 22 March 1943, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near El Guettar, Tunisia. With his company leading an assault in the face of intense enemy mortar, artillery, and small-arms fire, and seeing the danger to the men and possible failure of the attack if the unit became pinned down by the curtain of fire, Major *Heil* quickly placed himself at the head of the company and, though wounded, courageously led the men forward through the narrow pass. Reaching the other side and placing the men in effective positions under the continuing enemy fire, he was again wounded seriously and was evacuated. Major *Heil* demonstrated outstanding courage and aggressive leadership in leading his company in the face of heavy enemy fire.

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 Oak-Leaf Cluster) for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major *Leonard R. Generson*. (then captain), Medical Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement, on 15 August 1944, during the invasion of southern France. During the landing, an LST carrying heavy elements of the assault force was hit by a guided missile. Fire broke out and ignited vehicles loaded with gasoline and ammunition. The ship was beached and abandoned. Major *Generson*, who had previously landed, returned to the beach and throughout the imminent hazards of mines, enemy airplanes, and artillery fire, together with ammunition from the exploding LST, continued to search the area for wounded, and to give them quick and efficient medical aid. His heroic action, quick thinking, and professional skill were an inspiration to those working with him and reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

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 (second Oak-Leaf Cluster) for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major *Gordon O. Fraser*, (then captain), Field Artillery, Army of the United States, a member of Headquarters, 863d Field Artillery Battalion, distinguished himself by heroic achievement, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bubingen, Germany. As liaison officer with the battalion, he was following a company in an attack. In the course of this attack, the company advanced across open ground and the enemy fired on them, disorganizing the company. Major *Fraser*, disregarding his personal safety, immediately exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to talk to the leaders and the men, restore their confidence, and reorganize the company. The courage and leadership displayed by Major *Fraser* reflect credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. (This award supersedes the award of the Bronze Star Medal (second Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement to Major *Fraser*, during the same period, as published in General Orders 633, 63d Infantry Division, 30 August 1945.)

IX. 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:

Corporal *DeWayne G. Adams* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 15 March to 15 May 1947.

Second Lieutenant *Leslie L. Beckstead*, Infantry, Army of the United States. June to October 1946.

Lieutenant Colonel *Gail Borden*, (then major), Air Corps, Army of the United States. December 1942 to February 1943.

Major *Robert H. Edger*, (then captain), Ordnance Department, United States Army. October 1945 to November 1946.

Master Sergeant *Howard E. Ellis* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, United States Army. 1 June to 1 November 1947.

Colonel *Charles Ennis*, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. November 1945 to September 1947.

Staff Sergeant *William J. Everett* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. June to December 1946 and March to May 1947.

First Sergeant *John A. Gallagher* (Army serial No.), United States Army. March to December 1946 and April to July 1947.

Colonel *Edward M. Gavin*, (then lieutenant colonel), Air Corps, United States Army. December 1942 to February 1943.

Master Sergeant *James A. Graham* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, United States Army. December 1942 to February 1943.

Major *Frederick J. Haas*, Air Corps, Army of the United States. October 1945 to February 1946.

Captain *Weldon O. Hutson*, Adjutant General's Department, Army of the United States. 1 June 1946 to December 1947.

Technical Sergeant *Karl W. Knopp* (Army serial No.) (then corporal), Air Corps, Army of the United States. December 1942 to February 1943.

Colonel *George Loagan*, (then lieutenant colonel), Air Corps, Army of the United States. September 1945 to June 1946.

Major *Harold B. McNemar*, (then captain), Adjutant General's Department (Quartermaster Corps), Army of the United States. August 1946 to February 1947.

Captain *Isaac A. Morris*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, Army of the United States. December 1942 to February 1943.

Major *Harriet N. Moses*, (then captain), Women's Army Corps, Army of the United States. May 1946 to January 1947.

Colonel *Oliver K. Niess*, Medical Corps, United States Army. February to September 1943.

Captain *Lyle F. Oje*, Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. October 1946 to March 1947.

Master Sergeant *Donald J. Rubie* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. July to October 1942.

Major *George E. Schubert*, Infantry, Army of the United States. April 1945 to December 1947.

Master Sergeant *Edwin G. Seidel* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 17 August 1945 to 4 October 1947.

Master Sergeant *William J. Swartwout* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, United States Army. December 1942 to February 1943.

First Lieutenant *Donald H. Weihs*, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. October 1946 to March 1947.

First Lieutenant *Jack Windsor Jr.*, Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. October 1946 to February 1947.

Colonel *Robert E. York*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. March 1945 to June 1946.

First Lieutenant *Margaret E. T. Young*, M1141, Physical Therapist, Army of the United States. January 1946 to July 1947.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 17.1, AR 600-45, the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious achievement during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class *Bernard Berry* (Army serial No.), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. 8 August 1947.

Private First Class *Michael Pasulka* (Army serial No.), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 8 March 1943.

Technician Fifth Grade *Thrall D. Sweet* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. 4 September 1947.

3. 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 enlisted man:

Master Sergeant *John L. Tosney* (Army serial No.), United States Army. January to July 1947.

X.—BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—So much of paragraph 1, section XII, General Orders 10, War Department, 1947, pertaining to Lieutenant Colonel *John R. Brindley*, Field Artillery, as reads "a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster was

awarded" is amended to read "Bronze Star Medal (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) is awarded."

XI. ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON.—So much of paragraph 1, section XI, General Orders 12, Department of the Army, 1947, as pertains to Major *Harold L. Fruitman*, Sanitary Corps, as reads "Major *Harold L. Fruitman*, 0308372" is amended to read "Major *Harold L. Fruitman*, 0309372."

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