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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 to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant *Bautista P. Siaotong*, (then private, Infantry, Philippine Scouts), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States, a member of Company E, 57th Infantry Regiment (Philippine Scouts), displayed extraordinary heroism in action against the armed enemy on 29 January 1942. His unit was engaged in dislodging a Japanese force which had landed at Longoskawayan Point, Bataan. Hand-to-hand fighting developed with the captain of the adjacent company in the midst of it. After the captain had fired the last round from his pistol at a Japanese officer, who was attacking with his sword and had served the hand of the first sergeant, Lieutenant *Siaotong*, from the adjacent company, placed himself between the captain and the Japanese officer and killed the enemy with his rifle. Lieutenant *Siaotong*, by his courage and heroism, saved the life of the captain and deprived the Japanese forces of one of their commissioned officers.

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 during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant General *Robert L. Eichelberger*, United States Army. June 1945 to August 1948.

III. SILVER STAR.—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 is awarded to the following-named officer:

Colonel *Edwin H. Johnson*, Infantry, United States Army, while a member of the 32d Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, displayed gallantry in action at Abucay Hacienda Road, Bataan, on 12 January 1942. During an enemy shelling of his command post, despite a wound he then incurred, Colonel *Johnson* immediately gave directions, supervised the medical personnel in treatment of the wounded, and, by his example, assisted in restoring order within his regimental bivouac area.

IV. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—1. 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 was awarded by the War Department, on 4 October 1941, to the following-named enlisted men:

Sergeant *Joseph J. Churuti* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Medical Department, United States Army, displayed heroism in assisting
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in rescuing an enlisted man from drowning in Little Neck Bay, Fort Totten, New York, on 18 May 1941. When an enlisted man overturned in a boat about 50 yards from shore and was in grave danger of drowning, Sergeant *Churuti* and four other enlisted men, upon seeing the man struggling in the water, with utter disregards for their safety, jumped into the rough water and swam out to him. With great difficulty they succeeded in bringing the unconscious man to shore, where he was revived by means of artificial respiration, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Sergeant *Churuti* on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant *Ernest E. Stout* (Army serial No.) (then sergeant), Infantry, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in rescuing a young boy from drowning in Fall Creek, on the Government reservation at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on 5 June 1941. While two young boys were swimming in water about 8 feet deep, one of the boys suddenly called for help and sank from sight. Sergeant *Stout*, with utter disregard for his safety, immediately dived into the water and, after making several attempts, located the boy, who had been under the water about 4 minutes. He succeeded in bringing the boy safely to shore, where he was assisted by others in reviving him by artificial respiration. The boy was then taken to the hospital. The heroism displayed by Sergeant *Stout* in saving the life of the boy reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

2. 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 period indicated was awarded by the War Department, on 11 October 1941, to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant *Harold C. Milliken*, (then sergeant (Army serial No. 6544559), United States Army), Corps of Military Police, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in saving his company commander and others from serious injury, perhaps death, when threatened by an armed soldier at Fayetteville, North Carolina, on 31 January 1941. When his company commander was threatened by an armed soldier with a Colt .45 automatic pistol, near a cafe, Lieutenant *Milliken*, with great presence of mind, slipped out of the crowd, around to the back of the cafe, and through to the front door. With coolness and great courage, and without fear of bodily harm to himself, he leaped upon the armed soldier, grasped his arm, and turned the pistol from the officer. In so doing, he facilitated the disarming of the man. The courage and presence of mind displayed by Lieutenant *Milliken* on this occasion reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

3. 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 was awarded by the War Department, on 22 October 1941, to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Lieutenant Colonel *Francis C. Grevenberg*, (then second lieutenant), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in rescuing two enlisted men from drowning in the Chesapeake Bay, at Fort Monroe, Virginia, on 21 May 1941. On hearing calls for help from the two enlisted men who were being carried into deep, rough water by an undertow while they were swimming in the bay, Colonel *Grevenberg*, with utter disregard for his personal safety, immediately swam to their assistance. Reaching the frightened men who were

holding on to one another. Colonel *Grevemberg* was twice pulled under the water before he could separate them. With great difficulty, however, he managed to get them to shallow water, where he was assisted in bringing them safely to shore by several other men who swam from shore to aid in the rescue. The heroism displayed by Colonel *Grevemberg* on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant *Angelus J. Habersstock* (Army serial No.) (then staff sergeant), Air Corps, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in rescuing an enlisted man from a burning airplane at Lovell Field, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 12 June 1941. When a type A-20-A airplane crashed in landing and burst into flames, Sergeant *Habersstock* and another enlisted man, without thought of personal safety, immediately rushed to the scene. Without considering the intense heat, smoke, and flames and not knowing the quantity of gasoline in the tanks of the airplane, they entered the gunner's cockpit, one man from above through the solarium and the other man through the door in the bottom, succeeded in pulling the gunner, who was trapped inside, from the burning airplane, and carried him to safety, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed on this occasion by Sergeant *Habersstock* reflects 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, 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 enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade *William M. Hopkins* (Army serial No.), Medical Department, Army of the United States, as aid-man of Company I, 328th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near Bombotsch, Luxembourg, on 26 January 1945. Using a board as a sled, he left a position of relative safety and crawled 75 yards under heavy, direct small-arms fire across open, snow-covered terrain to a soldier who had been severely wounded. After administering first aid to the helpless wounded man, Technician *Hopkins* brought him back to safety.

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 heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade *Robert C. Shurtliff* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company L, 383d Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroic actions on 20 June 1945, at Okinawa. In the town of Aragachi, the advance of his platoon was harassed by the fire of a bypassed sniper. Technician *Shurtliff* detached himself from his squad and, on his own initiative, found and destroyed the enemy rifleman. Later, when the forward movement of his platoon was again checked by two strongly defended hill positions, he and two other enlisted men crept cautiously up to the enemy emplacements and knocked them out. Technician *Shurtliff* was personally responsible for killing 10 of the enemy and his courageous actions enabled the unit to gain its objective.

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 officer, chief warrant officers, enlisted woman, and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant *Hile Driver* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, United States Army. May to August 1948.

Master Sergeant *Wallace J. Frances* (Army serial No.), Medical Department, United States Army. January to September 1946.

Sergeant *Clifford W. Hules* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, United States Army. July to September 1948.

Chief Warrant Officer *Hartley S. Newman* () (then lieutenant colonel, Army of the United States), United States Army. December 1941 to June 1948.

Chief Warrant Officer *Edward M. Niedziela* (), Army of the United States. November 1947 to May 1948.

Sergeant First Class *Charles W. Scott* (Army serial No.). Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. September 1946 to May 1948.

Master Sergeant *John W. Shaffer* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. September 1946 to April 1948.

Chaplain (major) *Charles F. Steck, Jr.*, Army of the United States. October 1942 to May 1948.

First Sergeant *Kirk B. Stitzman* (Army serial No.), United States Army. June to December 1946.

Sergeant First Class *Wilbur A. Stone, Jr.* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. April 1947 to April 1948.

Technician Fourth Grade *Annie L. Tutton* (Army serial No.), Woman's Army Corps. 26 February to 15 August 1947.

Sergeant *Clude B. Wells* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, United States Army. June to September 1948.

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:

Sergeant *George W. Carmichael* (Army serial No.), Ordnance Department, United States Army. 25 February 1948.

Private *Richard Fay* (Army serial No.), Infantry, United States Army. 20 March 1948.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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