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I. DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Medal (first 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:

Major General *Charles D. Herron*, O777, United States Army. February 1945 to December 1948.

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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *Santiago A. Berbano*, O43241, Corps of Engineers, Philippine Army, a member of the 2d Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy in the Pilar-Bagac Road Sector, Bataan, on 28 March 1942. When units on his right and left retreated, Lieutenant *Berbano*, commanding the outpost unit of the 2d Battalion, stuck to his post and resisted the enemy. With utter disregard for personal safety in the face of superior fire and a greater number of men, he forcefully prevented the members of his unit from withdrawing, staged a stiff fight, and successfully prevented the advance of the enemy.

III. LEGION OF MERIT.—1. 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 9200, 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 officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *Roland A. Campbell*, O53172, Air Corps, United States Army. July 1944 to September 1945.

Colonel *Merlan O. Cooper*, O103054, Air Corps, Army of the United States. July to December 1942.

Lieutenant Colonel *John W. Hansborough*, O18370, Field Artillery, United States Army. January to September 1943.

Colonel *Joseph S. Hoover*, AO007184 (then lieutenant colonel), United States Air Force. December 1944 to July 1948.

2. 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 9200, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 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 to the following-named officer:

Colonel *Albert B. Neska*, O272353, Air Corps, Army of the United States. September 1943 to August 1945.

IV..SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—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 the enemy during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant *Thomas M. Crews* (Army serial No. 14129408) (then staff sergeant), Air Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by voluntarily risking his life near Karlsruhe, Germany, on 1 November 1945. After escaping from a crashed and burning aircraft, heroically disregarding his safety, Sergeant *Crews* went to the aid of a seriously injured comrade and succeeded in removing him to safety. He then reentered the airplane in an attempt to rescue other injured personnel and in so doing suffered severe burns. By this act, so bravely and unhesitatingly performed, Sergeant *Crews* saved a fellow airman from certain death and brought great credit to himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Howard M. Davis* (Army serial No. 17057905) (then corporal), Air Corps, Army of the United States, a member of Squadron A, 1885th Army Air Forces Base Unit, on 4 April 1947, displayed heroic conduct at the scene of an airplane crash in the fjord at Narsarsuaq, Greenland. With utter disregard for his safety, he entered the iceberg-filled water and swam several hundred feet to the aircraft. Sergeant *Davis* voluntarily exposed himself to the icy water and freezing temperature of the air for an extended period of time during the rescue of the pilot and remained in the fjord until the last person was on shore, standing by to give assistance wherever needed. Through his action, casualties from shock and drowning were prevented, and by this act of selfless courage, Sergeant *Davis* brought great credit to himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant *Jesse L. Hinely* (Army serial No. 84208126), Air Corps, Army of the United States, displayed remarkable heroism, on 1 August 1948, in contributing to the rescue of two Army officers from certain death in a wrecked and flaming airplane, from which he had escaped. With complete disregard for his safety, he and First Lieutenant Lloyd W. Reese, Jr., voluntarily risked their lives by reapproaching the aircraft and rescuing First Lieutenant Walter M. Sorensen and First Lieutenant Robert R. Snyder, who were trapped in the pilot's compartment. Without this heroic action displayed by Sergeant *Hinely*, the two officers would have perished in the flaming wreck.

Master Sergeant *Rufus N. Lindsey* (Army serial No. 6875025), Air Corps, United States Army, while a member of 2518th Army Air Forces Base Unit, Enid Army Air Field, Enid, Oklahoma, distinguished himself by heroism at the voluntary risk of his life. He was leaving his home at Jefferson, Oklahoma, on the morning of 9 December 1949, for duty at the Army air base when he noticed his neighbor's house afire. With total disregard for his safety, Sergeant *Lindsey* helped the father remove two children from the burning building and tried to save a third child, but the opening of a door in the building caused a blast of flames that rendered this second brave attempt to save life unsuccessful. Sergeant *Lindsey's* heroism is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Chaplain (colonel) *Edward R. Martin*, 016858, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army, while serving as port chaplain at the New York Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, New York, on 26 April 1948, displayed heroism involving voluntary risk of life during an explosion and fire at the Kings County Lighting Works, Brooklyn, New York. Chaplain *Martin's* outstanding achievement on a mission of mercy, in the rescue of trapped and seriously injured persons and administer-

ing to their spiritual and physical needs during a period of grave emergency, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army.

Chaplain (major) *Albert W. Nickel*, O408550, Corps of Chaplains, Army of the United States, while serving as assistant port chaplain at the New York Port of Embarkation, on 26 April 1948, displayed heroism involving voluntary risk of life during an explosion and fire at Kings County Lighting Works, Brooklyn, New York. Chaplain *Nickel's* outstanding achievement on a mission of mercy, which included the rescue of trapped and seriously injured persons and administering to their spiritual and physical needs during a period of grave emergency, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private *Thomas D. Rutherford* (Army serial No. RA19258678), Infantry, United States Army, a member of the Guard Company, Headquarters and Service Group, General Headquarters, Far East Command, displayed heroism on 28 October 1948 at Tokyo, Japan. While engaged in directing traffic and dispersing spectators at the scene of a fire in the Shimbashi area, Private *Rutherford* performed heroic action in rescuing one of his comrades. The fire spread rapidly among the closely constructed frame structures, making approach difficult. Upon learning that a soldier was still in one of the burning buildings, Private *Rutherford*, without regard for his personal safety, rushed into the building, located the then unconscious soldier, and carried him to safety. His brave actions reflect distinct credit on the military service and are highly commendable.

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 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 enlisted man:

Corporal *Virgilio B. Blando*, Infantry, Philippine Army. August 1944 to April 1945.

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 officers:

Colonel *Marian O. Cooper*, O108054, Air Corps, Army of the United States. 20 April 1942.

Major *James A. Kerr*, O400039, Air Corps, Army of the United States. 22 December 1943 to 29 February 1944.

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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant *Floyd R. Smith* (Army serial No. 17148785) (then private first class, Infantry), Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 30 January 1945.

VII..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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

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Captain *Stephen J. Gifford, Jr.*, O1107975, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States, as company commander, Company C, 149th Engineer Combat Battalion, distinguished himself by heroic achievement, on 6 June 1944, during the landings in France at Omaha Beach, near St. Laurent, Normandy. To enable his troop to perform their mission, it was necessary to eliminate enemy fire for which no infantry units were then available. Captain *Gifford* organized and led an assault party on a flanking attack which materially assisted the infantry approaching from the other flank in taking this position. His courageous action is highly commendable.

VIII. 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:

Lieutenant Colonel *Aubrey S. Kenworthy*, O138658, Corps of Military Police, Army of the United States. September 1945 to November 1948.

Major *Maurice H. Long*, O40422 (then captain, O482601, Army of the United States), Ordnance Department, United States Army. January 1946 to February 1947.

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:

Private *Salvatore J. Forte* (Army serial No. RA13108545), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 9 to 18 November 1948.

Private *Arnold Josephson* (Army serial No. RA12259118), Infantry, United States Army. 1 August 1948.

Private First Class *Billy J. McKinney* (Army serial No. RA18287510), Field Artillery, United States Army. 22 July 1948.

Corporal *William H. Neighbors* (Army serial No. RA15233379), Transportation Corps, United States Army. 12 June 1947.

Master Sergeant *Jerome Scalise* (Army serial No. RA3355803), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 12 September 1948.

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

Master Sergeant *Amos C. Haines* (Army serial No. RA6708818), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. February to April 1948.

* **IX. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**—So much of paragraph 5, section III, WD General Orders 55, 1947, as reads "Flight Lieutenant *G. Ross Collins*" is amended to read "Flight Lieutenant *G. Ross Collins*."

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

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