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I. 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 posthumously to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant *Caswell M. Higgs*, , Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company H, 317th Infantry Regiment, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy on 28 March 1945. While leading his machine-gun platoon during a night-assault crossing of the Rhine River, he was wounded in the shoulder by enemy machine-gun fire. Refusing medical aid, he ordered his assault boat to proceed to the enemy-held bank of the river where he personally led his men in capturing two enemy gun emplacements. Lieutenant *Higgs* then led his men farther into the enemy lines and secured a small beachhead, which allowed the succeeding assault troops to land with comparative safety. He was again wounded, mortally, while reorganizing his platoon. Lieutenant *Higgs'* heroic actions were an inspiration to his men.

II. LEGION OF MERIT.—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 period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Major *Thomas R. Garrett*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. January 1943 to October 1944.

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 and enlisted man:

Master Sergeant *Jack H. Annala* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States. April 1944 to May 1945.

Colonel *Thomas H. Chapman*, , Air Corps, United States Army. August 1944 to August 1945.

Colonel *Miles E. Goll*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. December 1941 to May 1947.

Colonel *Reginald Heber*, , Air Corps, United States Army. November 1944 to July 1945.

Colonel *Phillips McVieille*, , Air Corps, United States Army. September 1942 to April 1944.

Colonel *Walter T. Miller*, (then lieutenant colonel), Air Corps, Army of the United States. 23 October 1943 to 20 December 1945. (This

award supersedes the award of the Commendation Ribbon to Colonel *Miller* for service from 15 June to 30 September 1945.)

Major *Ernest A. Pinson*, , Air Corps, United States Army. November 1942 to September 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Luther R. Storey*, , Finance Department, Army of the United States. May 1945 to July 1947.

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 9260, 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 *Paul E. Ruestow*, , Air Corps, United States Army. March 1945 to June 1947. (This award supersedes the awards to Colonel *Ruestow*, of the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service from 21 March to 8 May 1945, as published in General Orders 24, Headquarters, Air Technical Service Command in Europe, 26 June 1945, and the Commendation Ribbon for service from 31 August 1945 to 28 February 1946.)

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

First Lieutenant *Floyd R. Ward*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States, while serving as assistant post engineer at Camp Taejon, Taejon, Korea, was responsible for saving the life of Corporal John W. Griener, an electrician of the 517th Engineer Utilities Detachment. On the morning of 12 September 1948, a fire of undetermined origin occurred in the Consolidated Mess Hall, Taejon, Korea. It was deemed necessary that the high tension wires leading from the mess hall would have to be cut to prevent the fire from spreading to the rest of the hospital. Corporal John W. Griener was selected for this hazardous work. Upon reaching the top of the high tension pole, he came in contact with a live wire, and was immediately rendered unconscious and in danger of losing his life. Lieutenant *Ward*, with complete disregard for his personal safety, climbed the pole and, upon reaching the top, carefully removed Corporal Griener from the live wires. Lieutenant *Ward's* courage, alertness, and initiative were one of the main factors in saving the life of Corporal John Griener and his act of heroism displayed on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

V..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:

First Lieutenant *Edward R. Bates*, , Corps of Military Police, Army of the United States. January to August 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Eugene C. Cropper*, , Air Corps, United States Army. September 1942 to August 1944.

Captain *Robert Escaron*, First French Army. November 1944 to March 1945.

Captain *Edwin C. Frost*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. 23 May to 5 July 1945.

Captain *Amundia Kalaw*, , Infantry, Philippine Army. May 1942 to October 1944.

Captain *Norair M. Lulejian*, (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army. 6 July 1944 to 24 May 1945.

Captain *Melano Sandico*, (then first sergeant, Army serial No.), Infantry, Army of the United States. December 1941 to April 1942.

Major *Charles W. Shinnamon*, , Air Corps, United States Army. September 1943 to January 1945.

Captain *M. F. Stern*, South African Forces. July 1944 to June 1945.

Major *Edward L. Waddell, Jr.*, (then captain), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 8 August to 16 September 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 (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:

Lieutenant Colonel *John A. Hampton*, , Air Corps, United States Army. September 1942 to March 1943 and March 1943 to July 1944.

Colonel *Wilbur S. Jones*, (then lieutenant colonel), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. March to May 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 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:

Private First Class *Lawrence M. Knapp*, Army serial No. (then private), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States, a member of the 397th Antiaircraft Provisional Machine Gun Battalion, distinguished himself by heroic action during the landing on the French coast on 6 June 1944. Private *Knapp* rendered courageous service under severe enemy fire, continuously risking his life to save the wounded from drowning or dying of exposure or loss of blood. His actions were highly commendable.

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 (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 enlisted man:

Sergeant First Class *William A. Barbce* (Army serial No.), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company F, 175th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism in action near St. Lo, France, on 25 June 1944. In the absence of a commissioned officer, Sergeant *Barbce* assumed command of the company, reorganized it during a severe enemy attack, and personally moved a light machine gun from under heavy fire. Thereafter, he moved fearlessly about under hostile fire until an officer arrived.

VII. COMMENDATION RIBBON.—1. By direction of the Under Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 17.1, AR 800-45, the Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted man:

Major *Raymond L. Anspach*, , Adjutant General's Department, Army of the United States. June 1942 to March 1949.

Sergeant *Alexander Chananau* (Army serial No.), Army of the United States. October 1944 to March 1946.
 First Lieutenant *Robert J. Gargiule*, (then second lieutenant), Infantry, Army of the United States. August 1943 to March 1944.
 Second Lieutenant *Thomas H. Holcomb*, (then first sergeant, Army serial No.), Chemical Corps, Army of the United States. December 1947 to February 1949.
 Major *Stephen T. Kean*, (then captain), Adjutant General's Department, Army of the United States. January to April 1945.
 Captain *James W. Kerr, III*, Infantry, United States Army. December 1945 to May 1946.
 Major *George N. Pappas*, (then captain), Medical Corps, United States Army. March to December 1947.
 Captain *James J. Robinson*, United States Naval Reserve. July 1945 to January 1949.
 Captain *Sanford H. Winston*, Infantry, Army of the United States. September 1946 to October 1948.

2. By direction of the Under 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 First Class *Robert E. Abrell* (Army serial No.), Army of the United States. 9 November 1945.
 Private First Class *Lloyd L. Brooks* (Army serial No.) (then private), Infantry, United States Army. 14 October 1948.
 Master Sergeant *Carl A. Childres* (Army serial No.), Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. 25 January 1949.
 Private *Frank J. Jenkins* (Army serial No.), Infantry, United States Army. 16 January 1949.
 Private First Class *Herman V. Weed* (Army serial No.) (then private), Ordnance Department, United States Army. 23 February 1949.

3. By direction of the Under 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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Captain *Floyd V. Anderson*, General Staff Corps, Army of the United States. March 1946 to February 1949.
 Major *William E. Burton*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. September 1948 to February 1949.
~~Lieutenant Colonel *Albert B. Evans*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. November 1948 to February 1949.~~

By SA 40:46, 1949.
 III. BATTLE HONORS.—Paragraph 1, section XIII, WD General Orders 44, 1945, pertaining to the 2d Armored Division, French Army, is amended to include the 250th Field Artillery Battalion.

BY ORDER OF THE UNDER 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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