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The Department of the Army announces with deep regret the death of the Honorable PATRICK JAY HURLEY, former Secretary of War, which occurred at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on 30 July 1963.

Mr. HURLEY was born on 8 January 1883 in the Choctaw Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). He received his A.B. degree from Indian University, Indian Territory in 1905; an LL.B. degree from the National University Law School, Washington, D.C. in 1908; and an LL.D. degree from George Washington University in 1913. An honorary LL.D. degree was received from Oklahoma A and M College.

In 1908, Mr. HURLEY was admitted to the bar of Oklahoma and then practiced law in Tulsa. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1912. From 1912 to 1917, he was national attorney for the Choctaw Indians. He also was president of the First Trust and Savings Bank, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a director of the First National Bank of that city.

Mr. HURLEY was the Assistant Secretary of War from 15 March 1929 until 8 December 1929. From 9 December 1929 until 3 March 1933, he served as Secretary of War. Much was accomplished under his guidance to keep our small Army equipped and able to perform the required military tasks during this critical period when funds and facilities were reduced to a bare minimum. In December 1944, he was appointed United States Ambassador to China.

Mr. HURLEY first entered military service in 1902. He rose from the ranks to grade of captain of cavalry in the Indian Territorial Volunteer Militia and served until 1907. From 1914 to 1917, he was a captain in the Oklahoma National Guard. During World War I, while serving as Judge Advocate of the VI Army Corps, he ably conducted the negotiations arising between the American Expeditionary Forces and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. He participated in the Aisne-Marne, Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel campaigns, and in the Defensive Sector Campaign. He reached the grade of lieutenant colonel during World War I and was appointed to rank of colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps on 16 June 1924.

On 17 January 1942, Mr. HURLEY was recalled to active duty, and was appointed a brigadier general on 29 January 1942. From January to March 1942, as the personal representative of the Chief of Staff in the Far East, he expedited the organization and dispatch of blockade runners to carry supplies to our troops besieged in the Philippine Islands. He was wounded as a result

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of enemy action on 19 February 1942 at Darwin, Australia. On 1 April 1942, he was relieved from active duty to accept an appointment as Minister to New Zealand. Upon his return to the United States, he was again ordered to active duty and assigned to the Army Group, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. As special representative of the President of the United States to the Soviet Union, in November and December 1942, he accompanied Soviet Forces to points of contact with the enemy to secure data on the situation at the front. He was appointed a major general on 7 February 1944, and on 11 December 1944 was relieved from active service and reverted to an inactive status to accept an appointment as Ambassador to China.

Mr. HURLEY was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak-leaf Cluster, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart; and the following foreign decorations: the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle and the Chinese Order of Yun Hwei, Special Grand Cordon.

Mr. HURLEY was a man of strong personality and convictions, with sterling loyalty and devotion to the interest of his country. In his passing, the country has lost an eminent citizen and the Army a gallant member and loyal friend.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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