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I. DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—1. 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 for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Colonel *Harry McK. Roper*, (then brigadier general), Field Artillery United States Army. December 1944 to August 1945. (This award supersedes the award of the Legion of Merit to Colonel *Roper*, for service from 21 December 1944 to 17 April 1945, as published in General Orders 217, General Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Pacific, 2 October 1945.)

2. 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 (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 *Ewart G. Plank*, , United States Army. July 1945 to February 1946.

II. 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 posthumously to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *Charles E. Wright*, , Infantry, Army of the United States, on 30 December 1944, displayed conspicuous gallantry in action in the vicinity of Wiltz, Luxembourg. The 1st Platoon, Company K, 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Division, commanded by Lieutenant *Wright*, was leading the attack of the company when it was stopped by heavy resistance from enemy infantrymen supported by automatic weapons and two tanks. Realizing the tanks were the greatest obstacle, Lieutenant *Wright* continued forward alone and disabled both tanks with a bazooka. With the tank threat removed and inspired by Lieutenant *Wright's* courageous example, the 1st Platoon and the remainder of Company K moved forward in the attack to gain its objective, capture 18 prisoners, kill 20 of the enemy, and force the remainder to withdraw. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal danger displayed by Lieutenant *Wright* reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States.

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 enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade *Darrell E. Clark* (Army Serial No.) (then corporal), Ordnance, Army of the United States, a member of Company I, 133d Infantry Regiment, 34th Division, on 2 December 1943, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount la Rocca, Italy. In a desperate defensive stand against a heavy enemy attack, he was at the fore of a squad of men and inspired them to hold against the greatly superior enemy force. Shooting his rifle at the enemy among rocks less than 3 feet away and standing his ground amid a hail of enemy explosives, he lobbed grenades into the air and over only several feet so that they would land among the closely fighting Germans. Shouting words of encouragement to his comrades in the fierce fight, shifting them for better firepower, and disregarding the hail of enemy explosives and concentrated fire, as he bore the brunt of the main attack, Technician *Clark* enabled the group of men to hold a constant front as another small force flanked the enemy unit and started a stream of fire from the rear. Through his courageous action, in which he gave replacements an example of daring and resourceful fighting that heartened them in their own heroic actions, Technician *Clark* was instrumental in forcing the flight of a German company, which left its entire equipment on the field, making it possible for the battalion to take up the attack.

Sergeant *Ronald H. Greiman* (Army serial No.), Infantry, Army of the United States, Company I, 133d Infantry Regiment, 34th Division, on 2 December 1943, displayed gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount la Rocca, Italy. In a desperate defensive stand against a heavy enemy attack, he was at the fore of a squad of men and inspired them to hold against the greatly superior enemy force. Shooting his rifle at the enemy among rocks less than 3 feet away and standing his ground amid a hail of enemy explosives, he lobbed grenades into the air and over only several feet into the closely fighting Germans. Shouting words of encouragement to his comrades in the fierce fight, shifting them for better firepower, and disregarding the hail of enemy explosives and concentrated fire, as he bore the brunt of the main attack, Sergeant *Greiman* enabled the group of men to hold a constant front as another small force flanked the enemy unit and started a stream of fire from the rear. Through his courageous action, in which he gave new replacements an example of daring and resourceful fighting that heartened them in their own heroic actions, Sergeant *Greiman* was instrumental in forcing the flight of an enemy company, which left its entire equipment on the field, making it possible for the battalion to take up the attack.

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 the Commanding General, 1st Regular Division, Philippine Army, to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant *Sixto R. Melendez*, (then third lieutenant), Infantry, Philippine Army, a member of Company D, 3d Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, displayed gallantry in action in Bataan from 4 to 10 February 1942. Ordered to reinforce a sector of the adjoining company at Trail 7 (Tuol Pocket), Bagac, Lieutenant *Melendez* led his two machine-gun sections with such valor that the enemy was annihilated and his mission accomplished successfully.

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 officer and enlisted man:

Captain *Francis T. Farrell*, , United States Marine Corps Reserve. September 1945 to November 1946.

Sergeant *Marvin M. Gray* (Army serial No.), Army of the United States. September 1945 to May 1946.

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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Colonel *Arthur M. Parsons*, , General Staff Corps (Infantry), United States Army. October 1945 to March 1947. (This award supersedes the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Colonel *Parsons* for service from 13 October 1945 to 1 February 1946.)

V. 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, in the Degree of Chief Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

His Excellency *Fernando dos Santos Costa*, Portuguese Army. For service to the United States during World War II.

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, in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States during World War II is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier *Alfredo Delesque dos Santos Cintra*. Portuguese Army.

General *Luis Pinto Lello*. Portuguese Army.

General *José Filipe De Barros Rodrigues*, Portuguese Army.

3. 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, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States during World War II is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel *Augusto de Azevedo e Lemos Esmeraldo do Carvalhais*. Portuguese Army.

Colonel *Jorge Metelo de Napoles Manuel*. Portuguese Army.

Lieutenant Colonel *Luis Maria da Camara Pina*, Portuguese Army.

4. 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, in the Degree of Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *Goncalo Artur Pereira Coutinho*. Portuguese Army. For service to the United States during World War II.

VI. 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 posthumously to the following-named officers:

Major *James C. Buchanan, Jr.*, , Field Artillery, Army of the United States. 8 to 15 June 1944.

Second Lieutenant *Robert W. Whipple*, , Air Corps, Army of the United States. 7 January through 9 April 1942.

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 (second, Oak-Leaf Cluster) 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:

Lieutenant Colonel *Edward C. Mack*, , Infantry, United States Army. October 1942 to May 1944.

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:

Colonel *Howard N. Burgin*, (then lieutenant colonel), Dental Corps, United States Army. August 1942 to November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade *Andrew L. Chernak, Jr.* (Army serial No. 13004656), Field Artillery, Army of the United States. April 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *Frederick R. Corbin*, , Dental Corps, United States Army. April 1943 to January 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Leroy B. Woodbury, Jr.*, , Cavalry (Infantry), United States Army. 24 June to 29 August 1945.

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

Colonel *Raymond E. S. Williamson*. (then brigadier general), General Staff Corps (Cavalry), United States Army. January to November 1942.

VIII..ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON.—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, on 2 January 1948, is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Sergeant *Michael Patrick Garritu* (Army serial No.), Corps of Military Police, United States Army.

Private First Class *William J. Schaefer, Jr.* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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Chief of Staff, United States Army

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The Adjutant General

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