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I. MEDAL OF HONOR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul. 43, WD, 1918), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to the following-named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant *John E. Crews* (Army serial No. _____), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company I, 253d Infantry Regiment, displayed conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty on 8 April 1945, near Lobenbacherhof, Germany. As his company was advancing toward the village under heavy fire, an enemy machine gun and automatic rifle with rifle support opened up on it from a hill on the right flank. Seeing that his platoon leader had been wounded by their fire, Sergeant *Crews*, acting on his own initiative, rushed the strong point with two men of his platoon. Despite the fact that one of these men was killed and the other was badly wounded, he continued his advance up the hill in the face of terrific enemy fire.

Storming the well dug-in position singlehandedly, he killed two of the crew of the machine gun at point-blank range with his M1 rifle and wrested the gun from the hands of the German whom he had already wounded. Then, with his rifle, he charged the strongly emplaced automatic rifle. Although badly wounded in the thigh by cross-fire from the remaining enemy, Sergeant *Crews* continued and silenced the entire position with his accurate and deadly rifle fire. His actions so unnerved the remaining enemy soldiers that seven of them surrendered and the others fled. Sergeant *Crews'* heroism caused the enemy to concentrate on him and thus permitted his company to move forward into the village.

II. 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 individual:

Doctor *Thomas Parran, Jr.*, United States Public Health Service. December 1941 to December 1946.

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 (second 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 *Delos C. Emmons*, _____, United States Air Force. August 1946 to June 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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Corporal *Eugene P. Gosline* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States, a member of Battery E, 60th Coast Artillery, displayed gallantry in action on 16 April 1942. During a heavy artillery bombardment of Corregidor, an enemy shell exploded within Middleside Barracks. Corporal *Gosline* voluntarily left a place of shelter and without regard for personal safety assisted in treating the wounded who were in an exposed position. On his own initiative, he procured a vehicle and evacuated the more serious cases to the hospital at Malinta Tunnel. The distance covered was almost 1½ miles and the entire route was under heavy shell fire. Corporal *Gosline* made the trip successfully and returned immediately through the continued bombardment to evacuate the remaining casualties.

Major *William R. Nealson*, (then captain), Infantry, United States Army, as supply officer and instructor of Division Special Units, 41st Division, Philippine Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 27 December 1941. He volunteered to take charge of a convoy of miscellaneous vehicles to move critically needed supplies to the 42d Infantry Regiment, which was fighting a delaying action against the Japanese south of Manila, and to evacuate wounded. When the convoy was subjected to aerial bombardment, Major *Nealson* displayed notable leadership and disregard for personal safety in assembling it, calming the personnel, and continuing the journey to a successful accomplishment of the mission.

Technician Fourth Grade *Marcos Redoble* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Infantry, Philippine Scouts, United States Army, a member of Company A, 57th Infantry (Philippine Scouts), distinguished himself by gallantry in action at Southwest Bataan, Philippine Islands, in February 1942. When the machine-gun squad of which he was the leader became separated from the company in the jungle fighting near Anyasan Point, Technician *Redoble* displayed able, exemplary, and gallant leadership in continuing the attack and advancing his positions until he attained the objective on the beach at Anyasan.

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

Colonel *Francis M. Brannan*, , Infantry, United States Army. 1943 to 1948.

V. 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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant *Thomas B. Brydson* (Army serial No.), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, a member of the crew of the Distribution Box Boat L-73, displayed outstanding heroism at the entrance to San Francisco Bay on 29 January 1948. When an accident occurred aboard the United States Army Mine Planter "Horace F. Spurgin", which caused a deckhand to be struck unconscious and thrown overboard, Sergeant *Brydson* immediately plunged into the hazardous, treacherous waters with utter disregard for his safety, rescued the unconscious man, and, without consideration of his personal welfare after being exposed to cold water, administered first aid.

Corporal *Charles E. Smith, Jr.* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Air Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 2 July 1945. While swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, off the shore at Galveston, Texas, Corporal *Smith* voluntarily and at the risk of his life went to the aid of

three men who were in danger of drowning. Despite the strength of the powerful undertow and the large breakers, Corporal *Smith* dived and brought one of the swimmers to the surface and safely to the shore. The courage, alertness, and tenacity of purpose in the face of great personal danger exhibited by Corporal *Smith* in effecting the rescue of the drowning man are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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 to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Major *Joseph L. Amell, Jr.*, General Staff Corps (Field Artillery), United States Army. October 1944 to June 1945.

First Sergeant *Elmer G. Guthrie* (Army serial No. 20954941), Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. June 1944 to May 1945.

Major *Charles H. Phaun, Jr.*, (then captain), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. September to October 1944.

Sergeant *Kenneth L. Robb* (Army serial No.) (then corporal), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. September to October 1944.

Captain *Raymond V. Songaylo*, (then second lieutenant), Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. September to October 1944.

Colonel *Floyd E. Thomas*, Infantry, Army of the United States. September 1944 to August 1945. (Par. 12, sec. X, General Orders 61, WD, 1947, pertaining to the award of the Army Commendation Ribbon to Colonel *Thomas*, for service from April to August 1945, is rescinded.)

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 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 officer:

General *Hout S. Vandenberg*, (then lieutenant general, United States Army), United States Air Force. 9 to 27 March 1945.

3. 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 (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:

Lieutenant Colonel *Harrell G. Hall*, (then major), Quartermaster Corps (Transportation Corps), United States Army. January to June 1943.

VII. 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 officer:

First Lieutenant *George W. Connell, Jr.*, (then second lieutenant), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, a member of Company B, 89th Chemical Mortar Battalion, distinguished himself by heroism in action near Sterkrade, Germany, on 24 March 1945. As forward observer with the 2d Battalion, 314th Infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division, he made his way alone to an exposed water tower despite continuous enemy machine-gun and rifle fire

and, climbing up the tower, he remained there under fire until he had given directions for and observed the quick and successful laying of a smoke screen required to cover the withdrawal of an assault company. Later that evening, although wounded, he refused to be evacuated until he had arranged a difficult defensive fire as a protection for the battalion against counterattack. Lieutenant *Connell* thereby made noteworthy contributions to its successful operations.

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 and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel *Leo A. Carter*, , Ordnance Department, Army of the United States. July 1942 to December 1945.

Chaplain (captain) *John O. Fisher*, , Corps of Chaplains, Army of the United States. June to October 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel *David P. Gibbs*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. April 1942 to June 1943.

First Lieutenant *Michael F. Godfrey*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. April 1947 to April 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel *Floyd Oles*, , Army of the United States. May 1945 to January 1947.

Lieutenant Colonel *James M. Williams*, , General Staff Corps (then major, O285253, Coast Artillery Corps), United States Army. December 1941 to April 1943.

Master Sergeant *William L. Zachary* (Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, United States Army. September 1947 to March 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 on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant *Joseph W. Mills* (Army serial No.) (then technician fifth grade), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 30 November 1947.

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 *Carl A. Carleson* (Army serial No.), United States Army. March 1947 to April 1948.

IX..SILVER STAR.—So much of section II, General Orders 40, Department of the Army, 1948, pertaining to the posthumous award of the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant *Robert W. Hansen*, Infantry, as reads "30 April 1945" is amended to read "28 April 1947."

X..CITATION OF UNITS IN UNITED STATES FORCES IN FAR EAST.—So much of section XI, General Orders 70, War Department, 1942, as pertains to the *19th Bombardment Group (H), United States Army Forces in the Far East*, is amended by adding "*Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 26th Field Artillery Brigade, and 2d Battalion, 131st Field Artillery.*"

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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