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I. DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul. 43, WD, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant *James W. Carrington*, , United States Marine Corps Reserve, displayed extraordinary heroism in action in the Philippine Islands from 15 March 1944 to 5 February 1945. After a hazardous escape from Bilibid Prison, Manila, Lieutenant *Carrington* established contact with, and was inducted into, the East Central Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces. Assigned as commandant, Headquarters and Security Detachment, he displayed unusual zeal and ingenious ability in training and drilling non-English speaking guerrilla recruits and forming them into an able combat team, which successfully faced the enemy time and time again under his personal command. When the Japanese forces attacked the main radio station and headquarters of the East Central Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces on Bituin and Balagbag Mountains on four separate occasions, extending over a period of 8 days, with the aid of two salvaged machine guns, Lieutenant *Carrington* repelled the initial attack and, with five additional riflemen, completely routed the second and succeeding assaults, despite seemingly overwhelming odds. Moving the headquarters to the lowlands, he returned several times through the enemy lines to rescue the sick and wounded and retrieve necessary equipment, including his two machine guns. Throughout his entire service, Lieutenant *Carrington* displayed outstanding leadership ability and devotion to duty and reflected great credit on himself and the military service.

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 to the following-named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant *Jerome B. Leck* (AF), United States Air Force (then private, Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States), a member of Headquarters Battery, 60th Coast Artillery (AA) Regiment, displayed gallantry in action at Breakwater Point, Fort Mills, Corregidor, on 2 January 1942. When the roof of a command post caught fire from an enemy bomb, trapping several men underneath, Sergeant *Leck*, with utter disregard for his safety, fought the fire, extinguished it, and brought five men out alive.

III. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bul. 8, WD, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Corporal *Sammie Lilcs* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, a member of the 7737th Headquarters and Service Company, distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy at Bad Nauheim, Germany, on 14 June 1948. When a fire broke out while gasoline was being unloaded into his 2,000-gallon trailer tank from a railway tank car,

he jumped into the cab of his prime mover, at the risk of being badly burned, and drove the blazing trailer a safe distance away, where he got out, unhooked the prime mover from the burning trailer, and returned to the siding where the railway tank car, which was one of four tank cars, was burning furiously. Corporal *Liles* then proceeded to uncouple the tank cars which were not burning from the one that was on fire and, driving his prime mover on the railroad tracks, pulled the nonignited cars to safety.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bul. 8, WD, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy during the periods indicated was awarded by the War Department, on 7 October 1941, to the following-named enlisted men:

Corporal *Walter R. Houston* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Field Artillery, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in extinguishing the flaming clothing of an enlisted man on the night of 6 June 1941, near Beechgrove, Tennessee. When an enlisted man of the battery kitchen truck was refueling the tank of one of the burners on the field range with gasoline, the vapor from the gasoline ignited, covering his clothing with flaming gasoline. Upon leaping from the truck and attempting to run, Corporal *Houston* and another enlisted man seized him, threw him to the ground, and, without thought of personal danger, covered him with their bodies. With the help of another soldier who had arrived with a fire extinguisher, they succeeded in extinguishing his blazing clothing and thereby saved his life. The heroism displayed by Corporal *Houston* on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant *Peter Schur* (Army serial No.) (then private first class), Air Corps, United States Army, displayed heroism in rescuing an enlisted man from drowning in the waters of Manila Bay, Manila, Philippine Islands, on 28 February 1941. When the United States Army transport U. S. *Grant* was pulling out from the dock, an enlisted man fell overboard from the troop deck and, being partially stunned by the fall, was in grave danger of drowning. Upon seeing his predicament, Sergeant *Schur*, who was on duty in a crash boat nearby, with utter disregard of his safety, immediately jumped into the shark-infested waters and, with great difficulty, succeeded in bringing the helpless man to the surface, where he was assisted to a place of safety, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Sergeant *Schur* on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bul. 8, WD, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy during the period indicated was awarded by the War Department, on 15 October 1941, to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *William P. Wedeking*, (then private first class Army serial No.), Transportation Corps, Army of the United States, displayed heroism in rescuing a man from drowning at Fort Slocum, New York, on 28 April 1941. Upon being informed that a man was drowning in the bay, Lieutenant *Wedeking* immediately ran to the scene and, with utter disregard for his safety, jumped into the water, despite the cold and darkness. He located the drowning man and, with great difficulty, succeeded in bringing him safely to shore, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed on this occasion by Lieutenant *Wedeking* reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

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

Master Sergeant *John H. Kidd, Jr.* ( ) (then sergeant), United States Marine Corps. December 1941 to May 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 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:

Staff Sergeant *Jerome B. Leek* ( ), United States Air Force (then private first class, Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States). 24 March 1942.

V. 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 enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant *Henry Lyon* (Army serial No.), Armored Cavalry, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement while serving as a member of a military government team with the 16th Armored Division on 6 May 1945. When an enemy field artillery battalion was encountered on the road to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, Sergeant *Lyon* went forward under cover, contacted the German commander, and induced him to surrender his battery to the United States Army. Sergeant *Lyon's* tactful and courageous actions effected a greater rapidity of movement on the objective by the main body of troops attacking Pilsen.

VI. 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:

Private First Class *Charles A. Aguirre* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 15 to 21 April 1948.

First Lieutenant *William L. Ainsley*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

First Sergeant *Lavern R. Armitage* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 15 to 22 April 1948.

Sergeant First Class *William Baker* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Captain *George C. Brown*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 29 June to 4 September 1948.

Sergeant First Class *George H. Brown* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Captain *George A. Culver*, , Medical Corps, Army of the United States. December 1946 to June 1948.

Captain *Paul F. Harrington*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 29 June to 4 September 1948.

First Lieutenant *James H. Hood*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Private First Class *Ralph A. Langwell* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 15 to 21 April 1948.

First Lieutenant *James R. Lindholm*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Sergeant First Class *Joseph J. Lutchkus* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Private First Class *Earl H. McCollum* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 15 to 21 April 1948.

First Lieutenant *Nicholas M. Mikus*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Colonel Robert J. Miller, (then lieutenant colonel), Infantry, Army of the United States. December 1941 to March 1946.

First Lieutenant *Maurice D. Nielsen*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Private First Class *Vytautas Osteika* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

First Sergeant *Walter M. Peavy* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 15 to 22 April 1948.

Master Sergeant *Karl B. Rasppery* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Master Sergeant *Louis F. Robinson* (Army serial No.), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. May to October 1946.

Colonel *James B. Rothnie*, , Finance Department, Army of the United States. July 1945 to February 1946.

First Lieutenant *Robert J. Scott*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

First Lieutenant *Donald A. Taylor*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

Private First Class *Johnnie E. Troyer* (Army serial No. , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 15 to 21 April 1948.

Technical Sergeant *Robert E. Welch* (Army serial No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 16 to 21 April 1948.

2. 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 officer:

Major *Anthony D'Elia*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 1 July to 15 September 1948.

VII. LEGION OF MERIT.—So much of section II, General Orders 7, War Department, 1946, as pertains to Major General *Edmund W. Hill*, United States Army, as reads "Legion of Merit was awarded" is amended to read "Legion of Merit (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) was awarded."

2. So much of section III, General Orders 32, Department of the Army, 1948, pertaining to Brigadier General *Joao de Amorim e Mello Valdetaro*, Brazilian Army, as reads "Brigadier General *Joao de Amorim e Mello Valdetaro*" is amended to read "Brigadier General *Joao Valdetaro De Amorim Mello*."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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