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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 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), a Medal of Honor was awarded by the War Department in the name of Congress to the following-named officer:

Captain *Robert S. Scott*, O1292812 (then second lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty near Munda Air Strip, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 29 July 1943. After 27 days of bitter fighting, the enemy held a hilltop salient which commanded the approach to Munda Air Strip. Our troops were exhausted from prolonged battle and heavy casualties, but Lieutenant *Scott* advanced with the leading platoon of his company to attack the enemy position, urging his men forward in the face of enemy rifle and machine gun fire. He had rushed forward alone to a point midway across the barren hilltop within 75 yards of the enemy, when the enemy launched a desperate counterattack which if successful would have gained undisputed possession of the hill. Enemy riflemen charged out on the plateau, firing and throwing grenades as they moved to engage our troops. The company withdrew but Lieutenant *Scott*, with only a blasted tree stump for cover, stood his ground against the wild enemy assault. By firing his carbine and throwing the grenades in his possession he momentarily stopped the enemy advance, using the brief respite to obtain more grenades. Disregarding the small-arms fire and exploding grenades aimed at him, suffering a bullet wound in the left hand, a painful shrapnel wound in the head after his carbine had been shot from his hands, he threw grenade after grenade with devastating accuracy until the beaten enemy withdrew. Our troops, inspired to renewed effort by Lieutenant *Scott's* intrepid stand and incomparable courage, swept across the plateau to capture the hill, and from this strategic position 4 days later captured Munda Air Strip.

II.—DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), a Distinguished-Service Medal was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Thomas O. Hardin*, O170727, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service to the Government in a position of great responsibility from 19 September 1943 to July 1944.

Brigadier General *Theron De W. Weaver*, O7653, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility from July 1940 to September 1944.

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Brigadier General *Ludson D. Worsham*, O4428, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility from April 1943 to May 1944.

III. LEGION OF MERIT.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bull. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order No. 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bull. 54, WD, 1942), the Legion of Merit was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant *Earl M. Adams* (Army serial No. 6527322), Morris Field Replacement Training Unit (LB), Squadron N, Morris Field, North Carolina, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period March 1943 to July 1944.

First Lieutenant *Frank B. Aycock, Jr.*, O217362, Coast Artillery Corps, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1943 to 10 August 1944.

Colonel *Willis D. Cronkhite*, O7790, Transportation Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 14 July 1942 to 21 March 1944.

Brigadier General *Riley F. Ennis*, O11854 (then colonel), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as officer in charge of Armored Force and Desert Warfare Training, Headquarters Army Ground Forces.

Captain *Harold W. Frank*, O497672, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in December 1943 and January 1944.

Colonel *Raleigh H. Macklin*, O21564, Air Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from August 1942 to February 1943.

Colonel *Alfred R. Maxwell*, O17113, Air Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 March 1942 to 16 February 1944.

Colonel *Christian J. Otjen*, O153648, Infantry, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from December 1940 to July 1944.

Colonel *David E. Washburn*, O9155, Signal Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Officer in Charge, Ground Section, Research and Development Division, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, and later as Signal Officer of an important mission abroad.

Lieutenant Colonel *Kenneth G. Wickham*, O21073, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 June 1942 to 29 January 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel *Douglas E. Williams*, O20455, Air Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period March to July 1943.

Major *Robert L. Wright*, O486718, Air Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from February 1943 to June 1944.

IV. LEGION OF MERIT.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bull. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order No. 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bull. 54, WD,

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1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officer:

Colonel of Artillery *Yan Marie Francois Columban Radiguet de la Bastaie*, French Expeditionary Corps. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 January to 8 February 1944.

V. LEGION OF MERIT (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Legion of Merit awarded by the War Department to Major General *Edward H. Brooks*, as published in General Orders, No. 79, War Department, 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster was awarded to him by the War Department under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bull. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order No. 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bull. 54, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Major General *Edward H. Brooks*, O6657, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1941 to July 1942.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Legion of Merit awarded by the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, to Captain *Gilmour C. MacDonald*, as published in General Orders, No. 67, Hawaiian Department, 26 May 1943, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster was awarded to him by the War Department under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, Bull. 40, WD, 1942) and Executive Order No. 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bull. 54, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Captain *Gilmour C. MacDonald*, O350275, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in December 1943 and January 1944.

VI. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. 8, WD, 1926), the Soldier's Medal was awarded by the War Department to the following-named enlisted men:

Private *Lewis P. Anderson* (Army serial No. 32970579), Army Service Forces Training Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, Army of the United States. For heroism at New Brunswick, New Jersey, on 30 June 1944. A soldier crossing the tracks at the Pennsylvania Station unwittingly stepped into the path of an oncoming train. Private *Anderson* with another soldier, both on Military Police duty, unhesitatingly and at great personal risk prevented the man from being run down by forcing him off the track and holding him against the fence separating the tracks in a space so limited that all three were lightly struck by passing cars.

Sergeant *Alfred E. Bush* (Army serial No. 18127326), Air Corps, Army of the United States. For heroism at Waco, Texas, on 2 May 1944. During a flood of the Bosque River a small boat, in which several persons were attempting to reach the mainland from a small island on which they had been marooned, capsized throwing the occupants into the water. Sergeant *Bush* fearlessly and at great personal risk plunged into the turbulent river, swam to and rescued one of the party from drowning.

Technician Fifth Grade *Paul G. Hutson* (Army serial No. 33552619), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroism at sea on 25 July 1944. When a crew member of a transport in convoy became desperately ill, Technician *Hutson*, a member of the medical detachment on the flagship, volunteered to go to his aid with necessary medical supplies. At the risk of his life he entered a boatswain chair and while the convoy continued under way was transferred by a line to a

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destroyer escort and in the same manner from the destroyer to the sick crew member's ship. The prompt treatment administered by Technician *Hutson* undoubtedly saved the crewman's life.

Sergeant *George A. Lee* (Army serial No. 35368941), 63d Twin-engine Flying Training School Maintenance Squadron, Air Corps, United States Army. For heroism at Liberal Army Air Field, Liberal, Kansas, on 19 October 1943. A B-24E airplane crashed soon after take-off. Sergeant *Lee* and the copilot got out of the airplane just as fire flared up in No. 3 engine. The ground was saturated with gasoline and there was imminent danger of explosion. Sergeant *Lee* at great personal risk smothered the fire with sand thus saving the lives of injured personnel trapped in the airplane.

Private First Class *Robert F. Malone* (Army serial No. 31210389), Military Police Detachment, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, Army of the United States. For heroism at New Brunswick, New Jersey, on 30 June 1944. A soldier crossing the tracks at the Pennsylvania Station unwittingly stepped into the path of an oncoming train. Private *Malone* with another soldier, both on Military Police duty, unhesitatingly and at great personal risk prevented the man from being run down by forcing him off the track and holding him against the fence separating the tracks in a space so limited that all three were lightly struck by passing cars.

Staff Sergeant *Charles A. Nesselrout* (Army serial No. 35754189), Company K, 272d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in Black Creek, Mississippi, on 13 June 1944. During a river-crossing exercise on maneuvers a soldier was caught in the swift current and carried downstream, sinking three times beneath the surface. Sergeant *Nesselrout*, fully clothed and at great personal risk, plunged into the stream, swam to the drowning man, and towed him toward shore when other soldiers arrived and assisted in carrying him up the bank.

Private *Johnnie Reynolds* (Army serial No. 34412935), Company C, Service Battalion, Third Student Training Regiment, the Infantry School, United States Army. For heroism displayed at Fort Benning, Georgia, on or about 23 July 1944. A soldier swimming in a pond in the unit rest camp at the above station sank and caused observers to shout for help. Private *Reynolds*, on shore at the time, jumped into the pond, swam to a point indicated by surface bubbles, and dived. On his second dive he came up with the drowning soldier and towed him to shore where he was revived.

VII.—BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, Bull. No. 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant *Clayton L. Predmore*, 01039514, Transportation Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement and service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the Mediterranean Sea on 10 March 1944. A United States Army ship, with 400 officers and enlisted men aboard and a cargo of ammunition, was struck by an enemy torpedo and began to settle slowly by the stern. Orders to abandon ship were given. Lieutenant *Predmore* voluntarily remained aboard and for 2 hours, at the risk of his life, worked ceaselessly assisting in the rescue of wounded men from below decks where they were trapped by the wreckage and the rapidly rising water as the ship settled.

VIII.—AIR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD, 1942), an Air

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Medal was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers and enlisted men for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

Staff Sergeant *Harry F. Clark* (Army serial No. 32488916), Air Corps, United States Army, on 10 July 1944.

Captain *Herbert C. Davis*, O400357, Air Corps, United States Army, on 10 July 1944.

Captain *Patrick J. Martin*, O1699242, Air Corps, United States Army, on 10 July 1944.

Staff Sergeant *Raymond Morrison* (Army serial No. 39609289), Air Corps, United States Army, on 19 February 1944.

Captain *Douglas H. Neill*, O428560, Air Corps, United States Army, on 10 July 1944.

Second Lieutenant *Charles D. Owens*, O867647, Air Corps, United States Army, on 10 July 1944.

Captain *Harry J. Shuffler*, O426434, Air Corps, United States Army, on 10 July 1944.

Second Lieutenant *Julius Ulrich*, O529478, Air Corps, United States Army, on 23 May 1944.

Captain *Harry T. Wagnon*, O520509 (then second lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, from 12 February to 11 September 1943.

Lieutenant Colonel *Hugh D. Wallace*, O21232, Air Corps, United States Army, from 9 December 1941 to 1 November 1942.

Private First Class *Eugene M. Wheeler* (Army serial No. 35652950), Air Corps, United States Army, on 10 July 1944.

Second Lieutenant *Robert C. Younker*, O689724, Air Corps, United States Army, on 10 July 1944.

IX.—AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded by the War Department to Lieutenant Colonel *Stanley J. Young*, as published in General Orders, No. 74, War Department, 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster was awarded to him by the War Department under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel *Stanley J. Young*, O274978 (then first lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 5 May 1942 to 28 March 1943.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster was awarded to them by the War Department under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD, 1942), for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. The citations are as follows:

Captain *Clarence H. Suber, Jr.*, O425577, Air Corps, United States Army, from 19 December 1941 to 1 September 1942.

Captain *Ray D. Uglow, Jr.*, O406376, Air Corps, United States Army, from 7 December 1941 to 22 June 1942.

X.—BATTLE HONORS.—1. As authorized by Executive Order No. 9396 (sec. I, Bull. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order No. 9075 (sec. III, Bull. 11, WD, 1942), citations of the following units in General Orders, No. 149, Headquarters Fifth Army, 10 September 1944, as approved by the Commanding General, United States Army forces in the North African Theater of Operations, are con-

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firmed under the provisions of section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citations read as follows:

Company C, 337th Infantry Regiment, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action from 12 to 16 May 1944, near Tremensuoli, Italy. *Company C* participated in a battalion attack on a strategically important hill which was a corps objective. Prior to this attack another battalion attempted to take the objective, but suffered heavy casualties and was unable to hold the hill. Advancing through intense and concentrated artillery and mortar fire which halted two companies of the battalion, *Company C* relentlessly pressed forward and two platoons succeeded in reaching the crest of a hill in the route of advance toward the objective. Enemy artillery and mortar fire became more deadly and, in addition, small arms fire was brought to bear on these two platoons. With the left flank of the company unsupported it was necessary to spread out the few available men in order to continue the forward push. Reaching the crest after suffering heavy casualties *Company C* was subjected to fierce enemy counterattacks. Surrounded on three sides, the company received heavy and continuous machine gun and small arms fire from strong enemy forces. With only 18 men and remnants of two other companies and with no heavy weapons support, the courageous infantrymen of *Company C* held their positions against determined enemy attempts to recapture the hill. On the night of 13 May, relief arrived in the form of replacements, and a final enemy assault was repulsed successfully. Pressure was relieved by units attacking on both flanks of the hill position, and *Company C* was able to give supporting fire to both attacking elements. The indomitable fighting spirit and fortitude of the infantrymen of *Company C* reflect the finest traditions of the Army of the United States.

Company G, 339th Infantry Regiment is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action from 11 to 14 May 1944 near Tremensuoli, Italy. *Company G* was assigned the mission of wresting from a determined enemy a hill which was the key terrain feature of the left flank of the German Gustav Line. Taking advantage of the preparatory artillery barrage, the company moved into the attack and seized a large portion of the objective before the barrage ceased falling. The two assault platoons, closing rapidly with the enemy before he could recover, killed 60 and captured 40 of the defenders, demolished 8 bunkers, reduced 7 pill boxes and captured 25 automatic weapons. The objective taken, *Company G* immediately emplaced and employed captured enemy weapons to assist the assaults of adjacent companies on two nearby hills and an intermediate ridge. After the enemy recovered from his initial confusion, *Company G* positions were pounded incessantly for 48 hours by artillery and mortar fire and were subjected to three determined counterattacks. The company suffered heavy casualties, and because of its isolated positions went without food and water for over 36 hours. With heroic determination the infantrymen of this company held every inch of the ground gained. The fighting aggressiveness, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by members of *Company G* are worthy of emulation and reflect honor upon the armed forces of the United States.

2. As authorized by Executive Order No. 9396 (sec. I, Bull. 22, WD, 1943) superseding Executive Order No. 9075 (sec. III, Bull. 11, WD, 1942), citation of the following unit in General Orders, No. 2331, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, 5 August 1944, as approved by the Commanding General, United States Army forces in the North African Theater of Operations, is confirmed under the provisions of section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, in the name of the

President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The *483d Bombardment Group (H)* is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 18 July 1944. In connection with the counter air offensive against vitally important and high priority targets in Germany, the *483d Bombardment Group (H)* was ordered to attack and destroy the enemy air-drome and installations at Memmingen. En route to the target, the group became separated from the other groups in the formation and from the fighter escort by extremely severe and adverse weather conditions. Alone, the group proceeded to the target area where it was aggressively attacked by approximately 200 enemy fighters. In the air battle which ensued, gunners of the group shot down or damaged 66 enemy aircraft at the same time losing 14 airplanes with their entire crews. Undismayed by the ferocity and viciousness of the attack and despite the severe losses suffered, the remainder of the group proceeded, and with great heroism, gallantry, and determination carried out the bombing attack as ordered, though under the concentrated gunfire of the entire enemy fighter force. The bombs were dropped on the target with devastating effect, destroying all major installations and destroying or damaging an additional 35 grounded enemy aircraft. Throughout the entire action which was carried out with exceptional gallantry and determination, and despite the overwhelming opposition, crew esprit and individual heroism could not be excelled. By their professional skill and devotion to duty, their extraordinary display of heroism in the face of unparalleled odds, and the exceptionally gallant manner in which this attack was carried out, combat and ground personnel, *483d Bombardment Group (H)*, have reflected great credit on themselves and the armed forces of the United States.

XI. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TYPHUS COMMISSION MEDAL.—

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9285, 24 December 1942 (sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1943), and section V, Circular No. 142, War Department, 1944, the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal was awarded by the War Department to the following-named individuals:

Dr. *Mahmoud Abou-Bakr Demerdash*, Director of the Egyptian Government Hospital for Infectious Diseases. For meritorious service in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission. Through the interest and cooperation of Dr. *Demerdash* wards and laboratory buildings were made available to the United States of America Typhus Commission at the Fever Hospital at Cairo in 1942. As the clinical and laboratory investigations increased with the encouragement and aid of Dr. *Demerdash* improved facilities were provided at this hospital in 1944. Dr. *Demerdash* has taken great personal interest in the work of members of the Commission with patients suffering from typhus fever. He has given expert advice and training based on his experience with the disease and has materially aided the Commission's study of typhus fever in Egypt.

Dr. *Abdel Hamid Sadek*, Director of Section for Epidemic Diseases of the Egyptian Government Health Department. For meritorious service in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission. By his interest and tireless efforts Dr. *Sadek* greatly facilitated the whole program of field investigations and the control of typhus fever in Egypt. From these activities information and experience were gained for improvement of epidemic typhus control in all areas.

Dr. *Ali Tewfik Shousha*, Under Secretary of State for Health of the Egyptian Government. For meritorious service in connection with the work of the

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United States of America Typhus Commission. From the time of the arrival of the Commission's group in Cairo, early in 1943, Dr. *Shousha* has taken great personal interest in the activities of the Commission. He has entered wholeheartedly into the cooperative projects which have been established. Through his sound advice and administrative capacity he has furthered all the investigations and control work done by the Commission in Egypt.

XII--LEGION OF MERIT.—So much of section II, General Orders, No. 29, War Department, 1944, as pertains to Colonel *John P. Ratay*, Field Artillery, as reads "from 8 November 1942 to 29 December 1943" is amended to read "from 27 April to 29 December 1943."

XIII--DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS.—So much of section VIII, General Orders, No. 74, War Department, 1944, as pertains to Lieutenant Colonel *Melbourne W. Boynton*, Medical Corps, as reads "when his parachute failed to open" is amended to read "when, for reasons unknown, he failed to open his parachute."

XIV--AIR MEDAL.—1. So much of section VIII, General Orders, No. 57, War Department, 1944, as pertains to Second Lieutenant *Harvey L. Swenson*, Air Corps, as reads "O-795858" is amended to read "O795856."

2. So much of section VIII, General Orders, No. 53, War Department, 1944, as pertains to Staff Sergeant *Joseph D. Ahlman*, is amended to read "Staff Sergeant *John D. Ahlman*."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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