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I. DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—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 was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officer:

Major General *James A. Van Fleet*, O3847, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility from 18 October to 15 December 1944.

II. 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 No. 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, Bul. 54, WD, 1942), the Legion of Merit was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *William M. Connor, Jr.*, O20137, General Staff Corps (Field Artillery), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 February 1942 to 15 November 1944.

Colonel *Ira V. Hiscock*, O170951, Sanitary Corps, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from April 1943 to February 1945.

III. BATTLE HONORS.—As authorized by Executive Order No. 9396 (sec. I, Bul. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order No. 9075 (sec. III, Bul. 11, WD, 1942), citation of the following unit in General Orders, No. 72, Headquarters 9th Infantry Division, 17 September 1944, as approved by the Commanding General, First United States Army, 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 *3d Battalion, 47th Infantry*, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action in the swiftness of its advance and the heavy opposition overcome in terrain-favoring defense during its drives on Cherbourg and the Hague Peninsula. At 1400, 22 June 1944, the battalion attacked from high ground 7 miles southwest of Cherbourg and by the following day had taken a hill 1,000 yards northwest of Bois du Mont du Roc, overrunning en route five entrenched and wire-protected strong points armed heavily with artillery, machine guns, and rifles. Throughout hours of darkness the battalion, then 1 mile forward of units operating in adjacent territory, repulsed counterattacks which cost the enemy 63 dead and the next morning continued the attack toward Cherbourg, reaching its outskirts over four enemy strong points and capturing many prisoners and much matériel. On 26 June, an attack was launched from Rue de la Polle on Cherbourg's perimeter and the troops advanced from house to house under continuous, heavy enemy fire. Having moved to an assembly area near Nicolle on 29 June, the *3d Battalion* advanced again and took fortifications of thick concrete, wire, and antipersonnel mines southeast of Gruchy; then repeated this success against the strong point to the northwest on the following day and thus ended the 2-day action on the Hague Peninsula. In this swift, unbroken

series of successes against strong points over a 9-day period, while the 3d Battalion, 47th Infantry, lost 28 killed and 145 wounded, they killed 314 and captured 2,161 of the enemy and added a glorious page to the history of American fighting men.

IV. BATTLE HONORS.—The following are added to the list of battles and campaigns of the United States Army:

CENTRAL BURMA.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—That portion of the India-Burma Theater and enemy-held territory lying south and east of the following line: Latitude 25°24' from the Burma-China boundary to Chindwin River, excluding Myitkyina thence along east bank of Chindwin River to Kalewa (exclusive), thence straight to Chittagong (exclusive), thence southward along the coast to the 92d meridian, thence due south.
- (2) *Time limitation.*—29 January 1945. Final date to be announced later.

ARDENNES.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—The area forward of the line: Euskircheneupea (inclusive)—Liege (exclusive), east bank of Meuse River to its intersection with the Franco-Belgian border, thence south and east along this border and the southern border of Luxembourg.
- (2) *Time limitation.*—16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for the campaign "Germany" will not be accorded during this period for operations in area defined above.

[AG 370.24 (5 Mar 45)]

V. BATTLE HONORS.—1. Paragraph 2a(1), b(1), d(1), e(1), and f(2), General Orders, No. 75, War Department, 1943, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

2a. CENTRAL PACIFIC.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—That portion of the Central Pacific Area lying west of the 180th meridian less the main islands of Japan, the Bonin-Vulcan and the Ryukyu Island chains, and the immediately adjacent waters; the Gilbert Islands and Nauru; the Hawaiian Islands on 7 December 1941 only; Midway Island from 3 to 6 June 1942 only.

b. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—Philippine Islands and adjacent waters.

d. PAPUA.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—Southwest Pacific Area less that portion of Australia south of latitude 21° south and east of longitude 140° east.

e. NEW GUINEA.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—Southwest Pacific Area less the Philippine Islands after 16 October 1944 and less that portion of Australia south of latitude 21° south and east of longitude 140° east, except that the Bismarck Archipelago and adjacent waters will be included from 24 January to 14 December 1943 only. Effective 1 October 1944 Australia and those portions of New Guinea both south and east of Medang are excluded from the combat zone.

f. INDIA-BURMA.

- (2) *Time limitation.*—2 April 1942 to 28 January 1945.

2. Section V, General Orders, No. 17, War Department, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

EASTERN MANDATES.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—That portion of the Central Pacific Area lying between longitude 180° and longitude 150° east, excluding the Gilbert Islands.
- (2) *Time limitation.*—7 December 1943 (air). Final date for air to be announced later. 31 January 1944 (ground) to 14 June 1944.

WESTERN PACIFIC.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—That portion of the Central Pacific Area lying west of longitude 150° east, less the main islands of Japan, the Bonin-Vulcan and the Ryukyu Island chains, and the immediately adjacent waters.
- (2) *Time limitation.*—17 April 1944 (air); 15 June 1944 (ground). Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

3. So much of paragraph 3, section VI, General Orders, No. 80, War Department, 1944, as pertains to the time limitation of the Northern France campaign is amended to read as follows:

NORTHERN FRANCE.

- (2) *Time limitation.*—25 July to 14 September 1944.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for this campaign may be awarded by the theater commander to units or individuals who actually engaged the enemy after 14 September 1944.

4. Section VI, General Orders, No. 89, War Department, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—The Philippine Islands, exclusive of Luzon, lying south of latitude 13°35' north, and the adjacent waters.
- (2) *Time limitation.*—17 October 1944. Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

LUZON.

- (1) *Combat zone.*—The Island of Luzon, other Philippine Islands lying north of latitude 13°35' north, and the adjacent waters.
- (2) *Time limitation.*—9 January 1945. Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

5. So much of paragraph 1, section VII, General Orders, No. 89, War Department, 1944, as pertains to the New Guinea campaign is rescinded.

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