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the
Soldier's Medal
and the
Distinguished-Flying Cross

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The number following name is the Army serial number.

R—Residence at entry into service.

B—Place of birth.

(*) Indicates posthumous award.

(†) Indicates those who were previously issued the Distinguished-Service Medal replacement under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 9, 1918, and whose citations were published in "American Decorations, U. S. Army, 1862-1926."

(††) Indicates those who were issued the Distinguished-Service Medal replacement under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 9, 1918, subsequent to 1926, and whose citations were published in "Supplement I, American Decorations, U. S. Army, 1862-1926."

The grade in each instance is that held at time of act or service for which the decoration was awarded.

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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS

[Awarded for extraordinary heroism in action under the provisions of the acts of Congress approved July 9, 1918, and May 26, 1928]

McNIFF, JOSEPH J. (61439) At Belleu Bois, France, Oct. 25, 1918. R—South Boston, Mass. B—Boston, Mass.	Corporal, Company H, 101st Infantry, 26th Division. When the detachment to which he belonged was cut off and surrounded by the enemy and reinforcements were needed urgently, Corporal <i>McNiff</i> volunteered to carry a message requesting assistance to the nearest post of command, despite the fact that several runners had been shot down in attempting to get through the enemy fire. Making his way over open ground swept by intense enemy machine-gun and artillery fire, Corporal <i>McNiff</i> , with no thought other than to bring up much needed aid, fought his way through an enemy outpost line and delivered the message in time to save the detachment.
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DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS ISSUED IN LIEU OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL

[Distinguished-Service Cross issued in lieu of the certificate of merit and the Distinguished-Service Medal under the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 5, 1934]

† ARUNDELL, DANIEL R—Detroit, Mich. B—Wales, Great Britain.	First sergeant, Company D, 12th Infantry, U. S. Army. For distinguished service in the battle of El Caney, Cuba, July 1, 1898.
* BRICKEY, WILEY J. R—Maryville, Tenn. B—Tuckaleeche Cove, Tenn.	First sergeant, Company H, 47th Infantry, U. S. Volunteers. For distinguished gallantry in action near Malabog, Luzon, P. I., February 14, 1900.
† KEISTER, GUY A. R—Pasadena, Calif. B—Tipton, Ind.	Private, Company F, 8th Infantry, U. S. Army. For saving a comrade from drowning at Lakeside, California, May 7, 1911.
McDOWELL, WINCHESTER R—Fulton Chain, N. Y. B—New York, N. Y.	Private, Company B, 5th Infantry, U. S. Army. For conspicuous gallantry at Lake Champlain, New York, December 8, 1905.
MCMURPHY, FRANK P. R—Osgood, Ind. B—Osgood, Ind.	Corporal, Company D, 7th Infantry, U. S. Army. For distinguished service in the battle of El Caney, Cuba, July 1, 1898.
† OLSON, ROY C. R—Kansas City, Mo. B—Kansas City, Mo.	Corporal, Company D, 19th Infantry, U. S. Army. For gallant conduct in action at Mount Bud-Dajo, Jolo, P. I., March 7, 1906, in willingly and unhesitatingly responding to a call for a few men to occupy an exposed point in advance of the line in plain view and within 25 or 30 yards of the enemy, from which point he kept up a most effective fire until the assault was made.
SCHAUS, WALTER C. R—Milwaukee, Wis. B—Milwaukee, Wis.	Private, 66th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. Army. For entering a burning building after other gallant soldiers were unable to endure the suffocating smoke, and at the imminent risk of his life rescued an inmate from the consuming flames, at Presidio of San Francisco, California, August 27, 1915.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL

[Awarded for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services, in a position of great responsibility, under the provision of the act of Congress approved July 9, 1918]

CRAIG, MALIN R—Philadelphia, Pa. B—St. Joseph, Mo. For award of Distinguished-Service Medal see p. 691, "American Decorations, U. S. Army, 1862-1926."	General, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army. Oak-leaf cluster. A bronze oak-leaf for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in a position of great responsibility. As Chief of Staff of the Army of the United States from 1935 to 1939, General <i>Craig</i> was charged with the responsibility for the planning and administration of the greatest peacetime reorientation and modernization of the Army in its history. The continuous and uninterrupted reliance placed upon his military advice and counsel by the Secretary of War, by the Congress, and by The President was demonstrated by measures, both executive and legislative, which advanced the Army to its present position of readiness for security and defense. The loyal teamwork and high morale of Staff, Ground, and Air developed by his wise administration during the period of rapid development were exceptionally marked, and demonstrated the extraordinary qualities of leadership that have accentuated his career from the beginning.
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AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

[Awarded for acts of heroism performed subsequent to July 2, 1926, not involving actual conflict with an enemy, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 2, 1926]

- BEUTLER, LEONARD J. (6664200)-----
R—Cleveland, Ohio.
B—Cleveland, Ohio.
- Private, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in rescuing an enlisted man from drowning in Gatun Lake, Republic of Panama, on March 6, 1939. When an enlisted man swimming in Gatun Lake became entangled in woods under water at a depth of about 8 feet, unable to extricate himself, and was in imminent danger of drowning, Private *Beutler*, with utter disregard of his personal safety, immediately swam to his assistance. After extricating the drowning man from the entangling vegetation, Private *Beutler* with great difficulty succeeded in towing the almost unconscious, struggling man to safety, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Private *Beutler* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- BOULDIN, WILLIAM R. (6945532)-----
R—Irwin, Pa.
B—Irwin, Pa.
- Private, Infantry, unassigned, Hawaii, attached to 2d Recruit Company, U. S. Army.
For heroism in rescuing a woman from drowning in Long Island Sound at New Rochelle, New York. At 12:55 a. m., October 13, 1938, on hearing cries for help, Private *Bouldin* unhesitatingly ran 100 yards to the water's edge and, notwithstanding the darkness of the night and the low temperature of the rock-studded water, with utter disregard of his own safety, fully clothed into the water and swam about 40 yards off shore to the rescue of a woman who was in grave danger of drowning. With great difficulty due to the struggles of the woman, which carried him under several times, he succeeded in bringing her to safety, thereby saving her life. The high degree of heroism displayed by this soldier upon this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- BURGNER, ROBERT W.-----
R—Chattanooga, Tenn.
B—Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Private, Troop B, 109th Cavalry, Tennessee National Guard.
For heroism displayed on August 8, 1938, in rescuing an enlisted man from drowning in the waters of Red Creek, De Soto National Forest, near Wiggins, Mississippi. On hearing cries for help from an enlisted man who had been thrown from his horse into deep water while fording Red Creek, Private *Burgner*, without regard for his personal safety, immediately went to the rescue and dived twice in the deep water before he was able to bring to the surface the drowning, struggling man who could not swim. By this time Private *Burgner*, who was almost exhausted, was forced momentarily to release his grasp on the helpless man. Another soldier, realizing that Private *Burgner* would be unable to effect the rescue alone, went to his assistance and aided him in bringing the drowning man safely to shore. The heroism displayed by Private *Burgner* reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- CALCUTT, FREDERICK W. (6143006)-----
R—Woonsocket, R.I.
B—Woonsocket, R.I.
- Private, Company H, 13th Infantry, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed on September 21, 1938, in rescuing a man, woman, and child from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean at Price's Neck, near Fort Adams, Rhode Island. During the height of a violent hurricane, a man, two women, and a child were marooned in the upper story of a partially submerged and rapidly disintegrating house on an exposed promontory near the end of a narrow neck of land jutting into the sea. Despite the fury of the wind which at times exceeded 60 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private *Calcutt*, a member of a rescue party, with complete disregard of his personal safety and at extreme peril of being swept to sea and drowned, fought his way through the raging storm to the stranded and helpless civilians and assisted in the removal to the mainland and safety of the man, one woman, and the child, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private *Calcutt* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- CAMPBELL, JAMES A. (6531914)-----
R—Butte, Mont.
B—Butte, Mont.
- Private, Base Headquarters and 4th Air Base Squadron, GHQ Air Force, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in rescuing civilians from drowning during a flood at Riverside, California, on the night of March 2, 1938. When deep, swirling, debris-filled flood waters covering a highway obliterated the road bed, thus blocking further progress of the truck in which he was riding, Private *Campbell* with utter disregard of his personal safety plunged into the water and, despite the intense darkness and the danger of being swept away by the swift current, preceded the truck to define the edge of the highway and thus enabled the rescue party in the truck to reach many civilians who were marooned and in danger of drowning, thereby saving their lives. The courage and initiative displayed by Private *Campbell* on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.
- CASSEDAY, JOHN B.-----
R—Rochester, Minn.
B—Rochester, Minn.
- Major, Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in rescuing civilians from drowning during a flood at Riverside, California, on March 2-3, 1938. On the night of March 2, 1938, when the dam of a lake burst releasing a mass of water into an already flooded area, the lives of a large number of men, women, and children marooned in trees and vehicles in the path of the onrushing flood were endangered and several were drowned. Major *Casseday*, who had been placed in charge of the relief work being undertaken by military personnel, twice led a rescue party in a truck into the flooded area over an ill-defined water-covered highway, and with utter disregard of his own safety personally left the truck and entered the deep, swift, debris-filled waters and fearlessly led and assisted the members of his party in removing to safety all of the remaining refugees in the vicinity, thereby saving their lives. Later, Major *Casseday* directed and personally assisted in the rescue of many other persons whose lives were endangered by the swirling flood waters. The heroism and leadership displayed by Major *Casseday* on these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

- CENDROWSKI, WALTER (6554557)**
R—Philadelphia, Pa.
B—Philadelphia, Pa.
Private, first class, Company L, 31st Infantry, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of an enlisted man from drowning in the Pasig River in the vicinity of the Post of Manila, Philippine Islands, at 9:30 p.m., August 5, 1938. On hearing cries for help from an enlisted man who had become exhausted while swimming fully clothed in the Pasig River, Private First Class *Cendrowski*, with utter disregard of his personal safety, plunged into the stream and swam to the assistance of the struggling man. Despite the darkness of the night and the swift current which was sweeping the helpless man rapidly downstream, Private First Class *Cendrowski* finally succeeded in reaching him, and with the aid of several other enlisted men who also had responded to the cry for help brought him safely to shore. The heroism displayed by Private First Class *Cendrowski* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- CHAMBERLAIN, PAUL H. (6121876)**
R—Claremont, N. H.
B—Claremont, N. H.
Private, Battery D, 7th Field Artillery, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed on the artillery range at Underhill, Vermont, on May 26, 1938. During target practice of his organization, Private *Chamberlain*, a cannoneer of a gun crew of Battery D, 7th Field Artillery, noticed that the fuze head of a round of 75-mm antiaircraft shrapnel, which was being prepared in the fuze setter, was smoking. He quickly turned the fuze setter and the round to safety, and loudly calling a warning to the other eight members of the gun crew, seized the shell, carried it to a heavy woods some distance away from the gun position where he deposited it, and then withdrew to a place of safety. The utter disregard of personal safety and the presence of mind and coolness in the face of great danger to himself and the other members of the gun crew displayed by Private *Chamberlain* prevented the possible loss of life which might have been occasioned by a premature explosion of the shell.
- COBURN, LEWIS L. (6904602)**
R—Niagara Falls, N. Y.
B—Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Private, Company I, 31st Infantry, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of an enlisted man from drowning in the Pasig River in the vicinity of the Post of Manila, Philippine Islands, at 9:30 p.m., August 5, 1938. On hearing cries for help from an enlisted man who had become exhausted while swimming fully clothed in the Pasig River, Private *Coburn*, with utter disregard of his personal safety, plunged into the stream and swam to the assistance of the struggling man. Despite the darkness of the night and the swift current which was sweeping the helpless man rapidly downstream, Private *Coburn* finally succeeded in reaching him, and with the aid of several other enlisted men who also had responded to the cry for help brought him safely to shore. The heroism displayed by Private *Coburn* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- CUSANO, MICHAEL A. (6137829)**
R—Waltham, Mass.
B—Waltham, Mass.
Private, Company B, 54th Quartermaster Regiment, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of a civilian from drowning in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts, during the height of a hurricane on the afternoon of September 21, 1938. On seeing a man thrown into the water by the capsizing of the boat in which he was riding, Private *Cusano* and another enlisted man hastened to the assistance of the imperilled man. Despite the violence of the wind which at times exceeded a velocity of 90 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private *Cusano* and his companion, without regard for their personal safety and at extreme peril to themselves, crawled, exposed to the full fury of the elements, for a distance of 1,000 feet along a dilapidated, nail-studded, and unsafe breakwater toward the far end of which the civilian was swimming. On reaching the point on the breakwater where the exhausted man was now clinging, Private *Cusano* and his companion assisted him on to the structure and in crawling along its exposed surface to a point from which they were rescued by the crew of a police boat. The heroism displayed on this occasion by Private *Cusano* reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- ESKEW, PAUL D. (6385872)**
R—Piedmont, S. C.
B—Piedmont, S. C.
Corporal, Military Police Company, Hawaiian Department, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in saving a woman from drowning in the Pacific Ocean at Makapuu Point, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, at 1:30 p. m., June 19, 1938. On hearing cries for help from a woman who had become panic-stricken and exhausted while swimming in the rough, open sea about 30 yards from shore, Corporal *Eskew* who was swimming nearby, with utter disregard of his personal safety, immediately swam to her rescue and taking her in tow started toward shore. In spite of the violence of the breakers, the strong undertow, and the encumbering weight of the semiconscious woman, Corporal *Eskew* was able to bring her to safety, thereby saving her life.
- FREDETTE, VICTOR L. (6139370)**
R—Rehoboth, Mass.
B—Providence, R. I.
Private, first class, Company H, 13th Infantry, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed on September 21, 1938, in rescuing a man, woman, and child from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean at Price's Neck, near Fort Adams, Rhode Island. During the height of a violent hurricane, a man, two women, and a child were marooned in the upper story of a partially submerged and rapidly disintegrating house on an exposed promontory near the end of a narrow neck of land jutting into the sea. Despite the fury of the wind which at times exceeded 60 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private First Class *Fredette*, a member of a rescue party, with complete disregard of his personal safety and at extreme peril of being swept to sea and drowned, fought his way through the raging storm to the stranded and helpless civilians and assisted in the removal to the mainland and safety of the man, one woman, and the child, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private First Class *Fredette* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

- GIERAS, RICHARD (6731438)**
R—Chicago, Ill.
B—Chicago, Ill.
- Private, first class, Company C, 2d Infantry, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in saving two civilians from drowning in Lake Michigan, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, at about 3:00 p. m., August 20, 1938. On seeing a small sailboat occupied by two men capsize about a mile off shore during a sudden squall, Private First Class *Gieras* and another enlisted man, with utter disregard of their personal safety, quickly launched a small lifeboat, and despite the blinding rain, driving wind, high waves, and the unseaworthy condition of their boat immediately went to the assistance of the men who were desperately clinging to their overturned craft. On reaching the scene of the accident, Private First Class *Gieras* and his companion took the exhausted civilians into their small lifeboat, and exercising the utmost skill in preventing the now dangerously overloaded boat from being capsized or swamped in the rough sea successfully brought them to shore, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private First Class *Gieras* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- GIMSON, JOHN (6833069)**
R—Detroit, Mich.
B—Davenport, Iowa.
- Private, Troop A, 14th Cavalry, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in saving two civilians from drowning in Lake Michigan, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, at about 3:00 p. m., August 20, 1938. On seeing a small sailboat occupied by two men capsize about a mile off shore during a sudden squall, Private *Gimson* and another enlisted man, with utter disregard of their personal safety, quickly launched a small lifeboat, and despite the blinding rain, driving wind, high waves, and the unseaworthy condition of their boat, immediately went to the assistance of the men who were desperately clinging to their overturned craft. On reaching the scene of the accident, Private *Gimson* and his companion took the exhausted civilians into their small lifeboat, and exercising the utmost skill in preventing the now dangerously overloaded boat from being capsized or swamped in the rough sea successfully brought them to shore, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private *Gimson* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- GNAGEY, JOHN M., Jr. (6910512)**
R—Meyersdale, Pa.
B—Meyersdale, Pa.
- Private, Base Headquarters and 3d Air Base Squadron, GHQ Air Force, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in rescuing a child from drowning in the Illinois River near Havana, Illinois, on August 12, 1938. When two small children, pulled by a current into deep water, stepped into a depression in the river bed and disappeared below the surface, their mother, watching from the shore, called loudly for help. On hearing her cries, Private *Gnagey* ran several hundred feet to the river bank, and with utter disregard of his personal safety plunged into the river and swam about 60 feet to the assistance of one of the children, a 5-year old boy, who was struggling in the water on the point of drowning. Despite the struggles of the child which greatly hampered his actions, Private *Gnagey*, by swimming on his back and holding the child in his arms, brought him to safety, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Private *Gnagey* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- HAYES, HARRY M. (6645625)**
R—San Antonio, Tex.
B—Warsaw, Ky.
- Sergeant, air mechanic, first class, 44th Reconnaissance Squadron, Air Corps, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed when a B-10-B airplane crashed and was wrecked in the rough sea near Mariata Point, Mala Peninsula, Republic of Panama, about 11:00 a. m., July 2, 1938. Following the crash, the airplane turned completely over, trapping under water the four members of the crew. Sergeant *Hayes* and one other enlisted man crawled to the top of the left wing and pulled up to that position the third enlisted man who had been badly injured. By this time the pilot, dazed and on the point of drowning, managed to extricate himself and float to the surface under the left wing. Sergeant *Hayes*, assisted by the other uninjured enlisted man, pulled the pilot up on the wing and administered artificial respiration, thereby probably saving his life. The sergeant then obtained and inflated the life raft, after submerging three times to loosen it from its position under water, and placed the weakened pilot and injured enlisted man thereon and rowed them to shore. On hearing calls for help from the enlisted man who had been left on the wreck and who could not swim, Sergeant *Hayes*, unable to launch the life raft again, ordered the man to leave the wreck and attempt to float into shore. He then swam to a rock toward which the helpless man was drifting, threw him a rope, pulled him to the rock, and then to shore. The heroic conduct of Sergeant *Hayes* is worthy of the best traditions of the Army.
- HUGGINS, JOSEPH R. (6942762)**
R—Philadelphia, Pa.
B—Cleveland, Ohio.
- Private, Company L, 31st Infantry, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of an enlisted man from drowning in the Pasig River in the vicinity of the Post of Manila, Philippine Islands, at 9:30 p. m., August 5, 1938. On hearing cries for help from an enlisted man who had become exhausted while swimming fully clothed in the Pasig River, Private *Huggins*, with utter disregard of his personal safety, plunged into the stream and swam to the assistance of the struggling man. Despite the darkness of the night and the swift current which was sweeping the helpless man rapidly downstream, Private *Huggins* finally succeeded in reaching him, and with the aid of several other enlisted men who also had responded to the cry for help brought him safely to shore. The heroism displayed by Private *Huggins* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

IKASALA, VINCENT (6139274)
R—Brockton, Mass.
B—Brockton, Mass.

Private, Company H, 13th Infantry, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed on September 21, 1938, in rescuing a man, woman, and child from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean at Price's Neck, near Fort Adams, Rhode Island. During the height of a violent hurricane, a man, two women, and a child were marooned in the upper story of a partially submerged and rapidly disintegrating house on an exposed promontory near the end of a narrow neck of land jutting into the sea. Despite the fury of the wind which at times exceeded 60 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private *Ikasala*, a member of a rescue party, with complete disregard of his personal safety and at extreme peril of being swept to sea and drowned, fought his way through the raging storm to the stranded and helpless civilians and assisted in the removal to the mainland and safety of the man, one woman, and the child. In attempting to bring the remaining woman to safety, a particularly strong wave struck Private *Ikasala* and the officer who was assisting him and swept the three to sea, tearing the woman from his grasp. Private *Ikasala*, and the officer finally succeeded with the utmost difficulty in reaching the shore. The heroism displayed by Private *Ikasala* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

JONES, MELVIN H.
R—Brigham City, Utah.
B—Brigham City, Utah.

Captain, Cavalry Reserve, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed in rescuing a Civilian Conservation Corps enrollee from drowning in the Weiser River, near Council, Idaho, on the night of April 3, 1939. An enrollee who, in accidentally falling into a deep, snow-fed river, had struck his head violently on a log and was rapidly losing consciousness, called out feebly for help as he was being swept downstream by the swift current. On hearing the cry for help, Captain *Jones*, with utter disregard of his personal safety, plunged fully clothed into the icy water and swam through the darkness to the assistance of the helpless man. Numb with cold and hampered by his clothing, Captain *Jones* with great difficulty reached the drowning, almost unconscious man as he sank beneath the surface in midstream, and despite his struggles succeeded in towing him more than 70 feet to safety, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Captain *Jones* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

JORDAN, LEROY C. (6834735)
R—Marion, Ill.
B—Matthews, Mo.

Private, 2d School Squadron, Air Corps, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed in rescuing a child from drowning in the Illinois River, near Havana, Illinois, on August 12, 1938. When two small children, pulled by a current into deep water, stepped into a depression in the river bed and disappeared below the surface, their mother, watching from the shore, called loudly for help. On hearing her cries, Private *Jordan* ran several hundred feet to the river bank, and with utter disregard of his personal safety plunged into the river, swam about 60 feet to the place where one of the children, an 8-year old girl, had disappeared, dived beneath the surface, pulled the child from her position on the bottom of the river, and despite her struggles brought her safely to shore, thereby saving her life. The heroism displayed by Private *Jordan* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

KELLEHER, JAMES J. (6114852)
R—Monterey, Calif.
B—New Haven, Conn.

Private, Company B, 54th Quartermaster Regiment, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of two civilians from drowning in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts, during the height of a hurricane on the afternoon of September 21, 1938. On seeing two men clinging to a capsized boat a considerable distance from shore, Private *Kelleher* and three other enlisted men hastened to the assistance of the imperilled men. Despite the violence of the wind which at times exceeded a velocity of 90 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private *Kelleher* and his three enlisted companions, without regard for their personal safety and at extreme peril to themselves, crawled for a distance of 800 feet along a dilapidated, nail-studded and unsafe breakwater, exposed to the full fury of the elements. On reaching the point on the breakwater where the exhausted men were now clinging, Private *Kelleher* and his companions assisted them onto the structure and in crawling along its exposed surface to a point from which the entire party was rescued by the crew of a police boat. The heroism displayed on this occasion by Private *Kelleher* reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

KOBLE, GEORGE J.
R—Sunbury, Pa.
B—Selinsgrove, Pa.

Private, Troop E, 103d Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard.

For heroism displayed in rescuing three women from drowning in the flood waters of the Susquehanna River at Sunbury, Pennsylvania, at 1:45 a.m., March 19, 1936. On hearing cries for help from three women who had been thrown into deep, debris-filled flood waters by the capsizing of the boat in which they had been riding, Private *Koble* and two enlisted companions with utter disregard of their personal safety unhesitatingly went to the rescue in a small rowboat. Despite the darkness of the night and the difficulty of maneuvering their small craft in the swift current of the narrow streets, Private *Koble* and his two companions were finally able to reach the helpless women, two of whom being unable to swim had disappeared below the surface of the water. With one of his companions holding the heads of the two unconscious women above water, and with the third woman clinging to a side of the now unbalanced boat, Private *Koble* and the other enlisted man skillfully rowed through the swift, hazardous current to a backwater, assisted the three women into the boat and carried them to a place of safety, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private *Koble* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

<p>LEE, DAVID P. (6139634) R—Somerville, Mass. B—Boston Mass.</p>	<p>Private, first class, Company B, 54th Quartermaster Regiment, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of two civilians from drowning in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts, during the height of a hurricane on the afternoon of September 21, 1938. On seeing two men clinging to a capsized boat a considerable distance from shore, Private First Class <i>Lee</i> and three other enlisted men hastened to the assistance of the imperilled men. Despite the violence of the wind which at times exceeded a velocity of 90 miles per hour making it impossible to stand erect, Private First Class <i>Lee</i> and his three enlisted companions, without regard for their personal safety and at extreme peril to themselves, crawled for a distance of 800 feet along a dilapidated, nail-studded and unsafe breakwater, exposed to the full fury of the elements. On reaching the point on the breakwater where the exhausted men were now clinging, Private First Class <i>Lee</i> and his companions assisted them on to the structure and in crawling along its exposed surface to a point from which the entire party was rescued by the crew of a police boat. The heroism displayed on this occasion by Private First Class <i>Lee</i> reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.</p>
<p>LEWIS, CARL C. (6555871) R—Riverside, Calif. B—Adrian, Mich.</p>	<p>Private, first class, Base Headquarters and 4th Air Base Squadron, GHQ Air Force, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing civilians from drowning during a flood at Riverside, California, on March 2-3, 1938. On the night of March 2, 1938, when the dam of a lake burst releasing a mass of water into an already flooded area, the lives of a large number of men, women, and children marooned in trees and vehicles in the path of the onrushing flood were endangered and several were drowned. Private First Class <i>Lewis</i>, driver of an Army truck carrying a rescue party, with consummate skill and utter disregard of his personal safety drove the truck twice into the flooded area over an ill-defined water-covered highway, where the pressure of the flood waters threatened momentarily to sweep the truck off the road, and by so doing enabled the rescue party in the truck to remove all remaining refugees in the vicinity, thereby saving their lives. On March 3, 1938, Private First Class <i>Lewis</i> and two companions went to the aid of a civilian marooned in a tree and, after perilously wading through the deep, swift flood waters for a considerable distance, reached the exhausted man and removed him to safety. The heroism displayed by Private First Class <i>Lewis</i> on these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.</p>
<p>*LUCKIE, NEWTON (6120513) R—Sacramento, Calif. B—Ketchen, Okla.</p>	<p>Private, Detachment Quartermaster Corps and Ferry Detachment, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed in sacrificing his life to save a civilian from being crushed to death beneath a subway train at Brooklyn, New York, at about 1:00 a. m. March 17, 1939. On seeing an express train bearing down on a confused man trying to cross the railroad tracks between the two platforms of a subway station, Private <i>Luckie</i>, with utter disregard of his own safety, unhesitatingly jumped to the tracks from the platform on which he was standing, and sped to the assistance of the dazed man in a desperate effort to prevent him from stepping in front of the approaching train. Private <i>Luckie</i> was struck and instantly killed by the speeding train as he was racing across the tracks to the side of the confused man who, having stopped momentarily at a point of safety on seeing the soldier running toward him, thus escaped death. The heroism displayed by Private <i>Luckie</i> in making the supreme sacrifice to save the life of another reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Posthumously awarded. Medal presented to father, Mr. William Luckie.</p>
<p>LYNN, THOMAS H. JR. R—Williamsport, Pa. B—Philadelphia, Pa.</p>	<p>Sergeant, Company K, 109th Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard. For heroism displayed in saving eighteen persons from death by fire or drowning during a flood at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on the morning of March 18, 1936. On hearing cries for help from a number of people trapped in a burning apartment house by deep flood waters which completely surrounded the building on a level with the second story, thereby cutting off all avenues of escape, Sergeant <i>Lynn</i> and a companion, with utter disregard of their personal safety, went to the rescue in a small motorboat. Despite the danger of their boat being struck and capsized by floating and submerged objects in the swift cross-currents which made navigation hazardous and difficult, and of the danger of explosion of the gasoline of their boat, Sergeant <i>Lynn</i> and his companion made repeated trips to the burning building and evacuated to safety, through the blazing second story windows, the eighteen people who were trapped therein. When the motor of their boat stalled as the last boatload of people was being removed, Sergeant <i>Lynn</i> unhesitatingly plunged into the deep, swirling waters and grasping a fence rail with one hand held on to the boat with the other until help arrived to drag the boat to safety. The heroism displayed by Sergeant <i>Lynn</i> on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.</p>
<p>MEANY, WILLIAM F. R—Waltham, Mass. B—Waltham, Mass.</p>	<p>Second lieutenant, 13th Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed on September 21, 1938, in rescuing a man, woman, and child from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean at Pric's Neck, near Fort Adams, Rhode Island. During the height of a violent hurricane, a man, two women, and a child were marooned in the upper story of a partially submerged and rapidly disintegrating house on an exposed promontory near the end of a narrow neck of land jutting into the sea. Despite the fury of the wind which at times exceeded 60 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Lieutenant <i>Meany</i>, with complete disregard of his personal safety and at extreme peril of being swept to sea and drowned, led a rescue party of enlisted men through the raging storm to the stranded and helpless civilians, and personally directed the removal to the mainland and safety of the man, one woman, and the child. In attempting to bring the remaining woman to safety, a particularly strong wave struck Lieutenant <i>Meany</i> and the enlisted man who was assisting him and swept the three to sea, tearing the woman from their grasp. Lieutenant <i>Meany</i> and the enlisted man finally succeeded with the utmost difficulty in reaching the shore. The heroism displayed by Lieutenant <i>Meany</i> on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.</p>

- MEEHAN, THOMAS G.** (6131296)
 R—New Haven, Conn.
 B—New Haven, Conn.
- Corporal, Service Company, 13th Infantry, U. S. Army.
 For heroism displayed on September 21, 1938, in rescuing a man, woman, and child from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean at Price's Neck, near Fort Adams, Rhode Island. During the height of a violent hurricane, a man, two women, and a child were marooned in the upper story of a partially submerged and rapidly disintegrating house on an exposed promontory near the end of a narrow neck of land jutting into the sea. Despite the fury of the wind which at times exceeded 60 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Corporal *Meehan*, voluntarily accompanying a rescue party, with complete disregard of his personal safety and at extreme peril of being swept to sea and drowned, fought his way through the raging storm to the stranded and helpless civilians, and assisted in the removal to the mainland and safety of the man, one woman, and the child, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Corporal *Meehan* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- MIDDLETON, KENNETH L.**
 R—Northumberland, Pa.
 B—Milton, Pa.
- Private, Troop E, 103d Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard.
 For heroism displayed in rescuing three women from drowning in the flood waters of the Susquehanna River at Sunbury, Pennsylvania, at 1:45 a. m., March 19, 1936. On hearing cries for help from three women who had been thrown into deep, debris-filled flood waters by the capsizing of the boat in which they had been riding, Private *Middleton* and two enlisted companions, with utter disregard of their personal safety, unhesitatingly went to the rescue in a small rowboat. Despite the darkness of the night and the difficulty of maneuvering their small craft in the swift current of the narrow straits, Private *Middleton* and his two companions were finally able to reach the helpless women, two of whom being unable to swim had disappeared below the surface of the water. With one of his companions holding the heads of the two unconscious women above water, and with the third woman clinging to a side of the now unbalanced boat, Private *Middleton* and the other enlisted man skillfully rowed through the swift, hazardous current to a backwater, assisted the three women into the boat and carried them to a place of safety, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private *Middleton* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- MILLER, PORTER S.** (6658272)
 R—Tell City, Ind.
 B—Tell City, Ind.
- Private, Company I, 31st Infantry, U. S. Army.
 For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of an enlisted man from drowning in the Pasig River in the vicinity of the Post of Manila, Philippine Islands, at 9:30 p. m., August 5, 1938. On hearing cries for help from an enlisted man who had become exhausted while swimming fully clothed in the Pasig River, Private *Miller*, with utter disregard of his personal safety, plunged into the stream and swam to the assistance of the struggling man. Despite the darkness of the night and the swift current which was sweeping the helpless man rapidly downstream, Private *Miller* finally succeeded in reaching him, and with the aid of several other enlisted men who also had responded to the cry for help brought him safely to shore. The heroism displayed by Private *Miller* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- MORRISON, MALCOLM E.** (6535237)
 R—Juneau, Alaska.
 B—Haines, Alaska.
- Private, first class, 1st Signal Service Company, U. S. Army.
 For heroism displayed in rescuing a companion from drowning in the glacier-cooled waters of Taku Inlet near Juneau, Alaska, on June 9, 1938. When the small boat in which Private First Class *Morrison* and a civilian companion were traveling on a fishing trip capsized in the icy cold waters of Taku Inlet, throwing both men into the water, the civilian who could not swim was rendered unconscious. Although hampered by the heavy woolen clothing and rubber hip boots which he was wearing, and suffering from numbness induced by the cold water, Private First Class *Morrison*, with utter disregard of his own safety, grasped the drowning man by the hair and towing him in this way swam 75 yards to shore where he applied first aid measures and revived him thereby saving his life. Without food or means of making a fire, and thoroughly chilled by the cold wind blowing off Taku Glacier, a mile away, Private First Class *Morrison* cared for his weakened companion for 10 hours until they were picked up by a passing ship. The heroism and fortitude displayed by Private First Class *Morrison* on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.
- NADÉAU, EDWARD E.** (6136746)
 R—Providence, R. I.
 B—Norwood, R. I.
- Private, Company B, 54th Quartermaster Regiment, U. S. Army.
 For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of two civilians from drowning in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts, during the height of a hurricane on the afternoon of September 21, 1938. On seeing two men clinging to a capsized boat a considerable distance from shore, Private *Nadeau* and three other enlisted men hastened to the assistance of the imperilled man. Despite the violence of the wind which at times exceeded a velocity of 90 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private *Nadeau* and his three enlisted companions, without regard for their personal safety and at extreme peril to themselves, crawled for a distance of 800 feet along a dilapidated, nail-studded and unsafe breakwater, exposed to the full fury of the elements. On reaching the point on the breakwater where the exhausted men were now clinging, Private *Nadeau* and his companions assisted them on to the structure and in crawling along its exposed surface to a point from which the entire party was rescued by the crew of a police boat. The heroism displayed on this occasion by Private *Nadeau* reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

- NEAS, LUCAS M. (6384778)
 R—Johnson City, Tenn.
 B—Johnson City, Tenn.
- Private, Company F, 22d Infantry, U. S. Army.
 For heroism displayed on August 8, 1938, in rescuing an enlisted man from drowning in the waters of Red Creek, De Soto National Forest, near Wiggins, Mississippi. On hearing cries for help from an enlisted man who had been thrown from his horse into deep water while fording Red Creek, another soldier who went to the rescue succeeded in bringing to the surface the drowning, struggling man who could not swim, but being almost exhausted by his exertions was forced momentarily to release his grasp on the helpless man. Private Neas who was some distance from the bank of the stream, realizing that the soldier would be unable to effect the rescue alone, with utter disregard of his own safety, without hesitation, and with great presence of mind went to his assistance, jumped from the steep bank into the water, swam in the dangerous current to the drowning man, and with the help of the other soldier brought him safely to shore. The heroism displayed by Private Neas reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- NEVIUS, EDWARD J.
 R—Harrisburg, Pa.
 B—Rural Valley, Pa.
- Private, Headquarters Troop, 104th Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard.
 For heroism displayed in rescuing civilians from drowning during a flood in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on March 19, 1936. When a number of people were marooned in their homes by the rapidly rising flood waters, Private Nevius and another enlisted man, with utter disregard of their personal safety, voluntarily went to their assistance in an abandoned oarless rowboat using two boards as paddles. Despite the difficulty of maneuvering their small boat in the swift current of the narrow street, Private Nevius and his companion, making several trips, removed to safety a large number of the refugees. On the final trip, after Private Nevius and his companion had taken aboard a woman and a small child, their boat went out of control, struck a telegraph pole and capsized, throwing the occupants into the deep, swiftly flowing water. Without hesitation, Private Nevius quickly grasped the frightened and struggling woman and swam with her to a place of safety, thereby saving her life. The heroism displayed by Private Nevius on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- OUELLETTE, RENO L. (6142480)
 R—Fort Fairfield, Maine.
 B—Lille, Maine.
- Private, Medical Department, U. S. Army.
 For heroism displayed on Great Diamond Island, near Fort McKinley, Maine, while attempting to rescue an enlisted man from drowning in the harbor of Portland, Maine, at about 2:00 p.m., December 10, 1938. When the brakes of an Army truck failed, it rolled down an inclined, partially submerged ramp of a dock coming to rest with the front end and driver's cab under water. Two of the three enlisted men in the truck escaped to safety, but the third was trapped in the cab of the truck when one of his legs became caught and wedged between the side of the truck and the pilings of the pier. Seeing the plight of the imprisoned man, Private Ouellette, with utter disregard of his personal safety, plunged fully clothed into the cold, deep water and, working under water, forced open the door of the cab, entered the truck, and tried to extricate the drowning man until forced to rise to the surface to breathe. He immediately dived a second time but again failed in his efforts to remove the helpless man. Although now greatly weakened by his exertions, Private Ouellette dived a third time, swam around the front end of the truck, and tried unsuccessfully to dislodge the imprisoned leg of the drowning man until, numb with cold and completely exhausted, he was finally forced to permit himself to be pulled out of the water. The heroism displayed by Private Ouellette on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- PAULL, PRESTON B. (6552283)
 R—Preston, Idaho.
 B—Preston, Idaho.
- Private, Detachment Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army.
 For heroism displayed in rescuing civilians from drowning during a flood at Riverside, California, on the night of March 2, 1938. When the dam of a lake burst releasing a mass of water into an already flooded area, the lives of a large number of men, women, and children marooned in trees and vehicles in the path of the onrushing flood were endangered and several were drowned. Private Paull, a member of a rescue party in a truck which had twice entered the flooded area on an ill-defined water-covered highway, with utter disregard of his personal safety left the truck and entered the deep, swift, debris-filled waters, alone brought one civilian marooned in a tree to safety, and later assisted the other members of the rescue party in removing to the truck all of the remaining refugees in the vicinity, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private Paull on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- PERKINS, WILLIE B. (6250701)
 R—Rowlett, Tex.
 B—Rowlett, Tex.
- Private, Company E, 15th Infantry, U. S. Army.
 For heroism displayed in rescuing a soldier from drowning in American Lake, Washington, May 27, 1938. Private Perkins and a civilian were on the shore when they heard cries for help. With utter disregard of their own safety they unhesitatingly plunged into the extremely cold waters and swam to the assistance of the drowning man who had submerged and failed to come to the surface. On reaching the spot where the man had disappeared, Private Perkins dived to the bottom in about 20 feet of water, brought the unconscious man to the surface, and with the aid of the civilian towed him with much difficulty toward a small boat which had put out from the shore to their assistance. On reaching the boat, Private Perkins and the civilian momentarily released their hold on the unconscious man who immediately sank again to the bottom of the lake. Unhesitatingly, Private Perkins again dived to the bottom, brought the drowning man to the surface, and although he himself was almost exhausted finally succeeded in bringing him safely to shore, where he administered artificial respiration and thereby saved his life.

REED, ROBERT E. (6129343)
R—Somerville, Mass.
B—Bethlehem, Pa.

Private, Company B, 54th Quartermaster Regiment, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of two civilians from drowning in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts, during the height of a hurricane on the afternoon of September 21, 1938. On seeing two men clinging to a capsized boat a considerable distance from shore, Private *Reed* and three other enlisted men hastened to the assistance of the imperilled men. Despite the violence of the wind which at times exceeded a velocity of 90 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private *Reed* and his three enlisted companions, without regard for their personal safety and at extreme peril to themselves, crawled for a distance of 800 feet along a dilapidated, nail-studded and unsafe breakwater, exposed to the full fury of the elements. On reaching the point on the breakwater where the exhausted men were now clinging, Private *Reed* and his companions assisted them onto the structure and in crawling along its exposed surface to a point from which the entire party was rescued by the crew of a police boat. The heroism displayed on this occasion by Private *Reed* reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

RYAN, JOHN L., JR.
R—Chattanooga, Tenn.
B—Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Captain, 13th Cavalry, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed on May 23, 1938, at Nashville, Tennessee. Upon seeing a fully loaded and driverless commercial gasoline truck moving rapidly down grade and heading toward a group of spectators, including children, and toward several Government trucks lined up in the road, Captain *Ryan*, with utter disregard of his own safety, jumped onto the running board and although unable to make his way into the driver's cab brought the truck under partial control from his position on the running board. By his prompt action Captain *Ryan* was able to steer the truck away from the nearer spectators, children, and vehicles, and thereby avoided the probability of a fatal accident. This, however, was not accomplished until Captain *Ryan*, just prior to leaping to safety from the careening vehicle, with great danger to himself, had guided the truck off the road where it crashed into a clump of trees.

SIMPSON, ALBERT D.
R—Harrisburg, Pa.
B—Lemoyne, Pa.

Private, Headquarters Troop, 104th Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard. For heroism displayed in rescuing civilians from drowning during a flood in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on March 19, 1936. When a number of people were marooned in their homes by the rapidly rising flood waters, Private *Simpson* and another enlisted man, with utter disregard of their personal safety, voluntarily went to their assistance in an abandoned oarless rowboat using two boards as paddles. Despite the difficulty of maneuvering their small boat in the swift current of the narrow street, Private *Simpson* and his companion, making several trips, removed to safety a large number of the refugees. On the final trip, after Private *Simpson* and his companion had taken aboard a woman and a small child, their boat went out of control, struck a telegraph pole and capsized, throwing the occupants into the deep, swiftly flowing water. Without hesitation, Private *Simpson* quickly grasped the frightened and struggling child and swam with him to a place of safety, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Private *Simpson* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SKIDMORE, EUGENE E. (6642630)
R—Clarksburg, W. Va.
B—Glennville, W. Va.

Private, first class, 1st Platoon, 5th Tank Company, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed in saving valuable Government property from destruction in a burning building at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on November 25, 1938. When a rapidly spreading fire forced the evacuation of a garage of a tank park from which all vehicles, except one tank, housed therein had been removed, Private First Class *Skidmore*, with utter disregard of his personal safety, voluntarily entered the smoke-filled and blazing building, and, despite the danger of suffocation and of being trapped by a possible collapse of the burning superstructure, crawled about 25 feet along the floor and reached the remaining tank. Maneuvering the heavy vehicle through the obscurity of the swirling smoke which limited visibility to approximately 3 feet, Private First Class *Skidmore*, skillfully avoiding collision with the interior posts and walls of the building which probably would have caused the flaming roof to collapse upon himself and the vehicle, drove the valuable tank out of the building, thereby saving it from destruction or serious damage. The display of fearlessness and devotion to duty by Private First Class *Skidmore* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SLADE, WAYNE S. (6283299)
R—Sumrall, Miss.
B—Sumrall, Miss.

Private, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 15th Field Artillery, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed in rescuing an enlisted man from drowning at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on September 13, 1938. When an enlisted man, with whom he was swimming under water along the bottom of a swimming pool at a depth of about 8 feet, was suddenly caught and held at the bottom of the pool by suction from a drainage pipe, Private *Slade* immediately went to his assistance. Although having been under water for a considerable time and despite the danger of being caught in the suction, Private *Slade*, by pulling and rolling the almost unconscious soldier, with great difficulty finally released him from the drainage pipe and assisted him to the surface, thereby saved his life. The heroism and presence of mind displayed by Private *Slade* on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SMITH, JACK B. (6571820)
R—Roswell, N. Mex.
B—Tioga, Tex.

Private, Base Headquarters and 4th Air Base Squadron, GHQ Air Force, U. S. Army.

For heroism displayed in rescuing a civilian from drowning during a flood at Riverside, California, on the morning of March 3, 1938. On receiving a report that a civilian was marooned in a tree in the flooded area and in danger of drowning, Private *Smith* and two companions, with utter disregard of their personal safety, plunged into the deep, swift, debris-filled flood waters, and went to the aid of the imperilled man. Despite the swiftly moving current and the danger of being struck by timbers, uprooted trees, and other wreckage, Private *Smith* and his companions finally reached the exhausted man and removed him to safety, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Private *Smith* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

- SMITH, JACK E.
R—Northumberland, Pa.
B—Kingston, Pa.
- SMITH, JULIAN S. (6374979)
R—Fort Myers, Fla.
B—Jacksonville, Fla.
- SPARKS, MORGAN C. (6941959)
R—Roxboro, N. C.
B—Chase City, Va.
- STONE, PAUL W. (6240215)
R—Woodsboro, Tex.
B—Plainview, Tex.
- TRZUSKOWSKI, MAX P. (6136893)
R—Central Falls, R. I.
B—Central Falls, R. I.
- WEST, HAROLD R. (6132794)
R—Laconia, N. H.
B—Lynn, Mass.
- Corporal, Troop E, 103d Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard. For heroism displayed in rescuing three women from drowning in the flood waters of the Susquehanna River at Sanbury, Pennsylvania, at 1:45 a. m., March 19, 1936. On hearing cries for help from three women who had been thrown into deep, debris-filled flood waters by the capsizing of the boat in which they had been riding, Corporal *Smith* and two enlisted companions, with utter disregard of their personal safety, unhesitatingly went to the rescue in a small rowboat. Despite the darkness of the night and the difficulty of maneuvering their small craft in the swift current of the narrow streets, Corporal *Smith* and his two companions were finally able to reach the helpless women, two of whom being unable to swim had disappeared below the surface of the water. Balancing himself astride the bow of the boat, Corporal *Smith* caught the two unconscious women and pulled their heads above water. With the third woman clinging to a side of the now unbalanced boat, the other two enlisted men skillfully rowed through the swift, hazardous current to a backwater, assisted the three women into the boat and carried them to a place of safety, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Corporal *Smith* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- Private, first class, Company B, 8th Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed at Savannah Beach, Georgia, on June 7, 1938. While swimming in the ocean at Savannah Beach, near Fort Screven, Georgia, a 6-year-old boy, caught in a strong undertow and dragged into deep water off the beach, was about to drown. Private First Class *Smith*, without regard for his personal safety, plunged into the turbulent and dangerous waters, swam out to the boy and, fighting the rough surf and undertow, kept him afloat until help arrived, by which time Private First Class *Smith* was so exhausted that he himself was in grave danger of drowning and had to be assisted to safety. The heroic conduct displayed by Private First Class *Smith* reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of which he is a member.
- Private, Company I, 31st Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of an enlisted man from drowning in the Pasig River in the vicinity of the Post of Manila, Philippine Islands, at 9:30 p. m., August 5, 1938. On hearing cries for help from an enlisted man who had become exhausted while swimming fully clothed in the Pasig River, Private *Sparks*, with utter disregard of his personal safety, plunged into the stream and swam to the assistance of the struggling man. Despite the darkness of the night and the swift current which was sweeping the helpless man rapidly downstream, Private *Sparks* finally succeeded in reaching him and with the aid of several other enlisted men who also had responded to the cry for help brought him safely to shore. The heroism displayed by Private *Sparks* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- Corporal, 6th Pursuit Squadron, Air Corps, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed near Haleiwa, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 26, 1937. When a civilian swimmer became exhausted 150 yards off shore and called for help at about 11:00 a. m., December 26, 1937, Corporal *Stone*, with utter disregard of his own safety, immediately swam to his rescue in squally weather in a rough and choppy sea against the tide, the ocean current and the river emptying in the sea, and reached the drowning man just as he was on the point of sinking. Corporal *Stone* assisted the semiconscious man to shore and there administered artificial respiration, thereby saving his life.
- Private, first class, Company H, 13th Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed on September 21, 1938, in rescuing a man, woman, and child from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean at Price's Neck, near Fort Adams, Rhode Island. During the height of a violent hurricane, a man, two women, and a child were marooned in the upper story of a partially submerged and rapidly disintegrating house on an exposed promontory near the end of a narrow neck of land jutting into the sea. Despite the fury of the wind which at times exceeded 60 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private First Class *Trzuskowski*, a member of a rescue party, with complete disregard of his personal safety and at extreme peril of being swept to sea and drowned, fought his way through the raging storm to the stranded and helpless civilians, and assisted in the removal to the mainland and safety of the man, one woman, and the child, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private First Class *Trzuskowski* on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
- Private, first class, Company B, 54th Quartermaster Regiment, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed in assisting in the rescue of a civilian from drowning in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts, during the height of a hurricane on the afternoon of September 21, 1938. On seeing a man thrown into the water by the capsizing of the boat in which he was riding, Private First Class *West* and another enlisted man hastened to the assistance of the imperiled man. Despite the violence of the wind which at times exceeded a velocity of 90 miles per hour, making it impossible to stand erect, Private First Class *West* and his companion, without regard for their personal safety and at extreme peril to themselves, crawled, exposed to the full fury of the elements, for a distance of 1,000 feet along a dilapidated, nail-studded and unsafe breakwater toward the far end of which the civilian was swimming. On reaching the point on the breakwater where the exhausted man was now clinging, Private First Class *West* and his companion assisted him onto the structure and in crawling along its exposed surface to a point from which they were rescued by the crew of a police boat. The heroism displayed on this occasion by Private First Class *West* reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.



WILSON, FREDERICK H. (R-1845622)
R—Tampa, Fla.
B—Xenia, Ohio.

Private, air mechanic, second class, Air Corps, U. S. Army.
For heroism displayed in extinguishing a fire in a burning airplane at Mitchell Field, New York, on July 5, 1938. Noticing that a fire had started in the right wing of an airplane which was being taxied by him to a position near several other parked airplanes, Private *Wilson* turned off the fuel valves and the master ignition switch of the ship, leaped to the ground, and picking up a fire extinguisher played its contents on the blaze. On the arrival of the fire truck, Private *Wilson*, with complete disregard of his personal safety, well knowing that all fuel tanks of the airplane were full and that there was imminent danger of an explosion, ran to the truck, seized a hose and played fire-extinguishing chemical therefrom on the blazing wing until the fire was extinguished, after which he again took a hand extinguisher, climbed into the still smoking ship and emptied its contents into the site of the blaze. The heroism displayed by Private *Wilson* on this occasion averted possible loss of human life and prevented the destruction of valuable Government property.

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HAYNES, CALEB V.
R—Mt. Airy, N. C.
B—Mt. Airy, N. C.

Major (captain), Air Corps, U. S. Army.
For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight from Langley Field, Virginia, to Santiago, Chile, February 4, 5, 6, 1939. As commander and pilot of the XB-15, Major *Haynes* transported, without hesitation and under emergency orders, a total of 3,250 pounds of Red Cross medicinal supplies to Santiago, Chile, under conditions which were extremely hazardous and exacting. Loaded to absolute maximum capacity, the XB-15, under the superior pilotage of Major *Haynes*, cleared Langley Field, Virginia, before daylight, February 4, and adhered thereafter to a rigid flight schedule which involved the penetration of unfavorable flying weather, a night landing at Panama, night take-offs at Panama and Lima, Peru, and an arrival on schedule at Santiago, Chile, early February 6, 1939. His extraordinary ability, devotion to duty, and excellent leadership made possible the successful accomplishment of this mission of mercy and thus reflected great credit upon the military service.

WOLFE, FRANKLIN C.
R—Los Angeles, Calif.
B—Denver, Colo.

Captain, Air Corps, U. S. Army.
For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight from France Field, Panama, Canal Zone, to Santiago, Chile, and return, January 28–February 13, 1939. Taking off from the Canal Zone at night on such short notice that no special preparations could be made, a flight of two airplanes carrying medical and other supplies to the earthquake-stricken area of Chile, led by Captain *Wolfe* as flight commander and chief Pilot of one of the airplanes, flew more than 3,400 miles over an unfamiliar route to Santiago. Immediately upon arrival and for the next 10 days, Captain *Wolfe* and the other members of the flight, disregarding the need for rest and for maintenance of their airplanes, flew day and night to towns in the stricken area in territory over which they had never before flown, and transported in all a total of about 10,000 pounds of medical supplies, food, and mail to the isolated areas, at the same time evacuating to safety some 65 injured persons. The ability, devotion to duty, and leadership displayed by Captain *Wolfe* on this occasion made possible the successful accomplishment of this mission of mercy, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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