

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

MEDAL OF HONOR

Awarded to any person who, while in the naval service of the United States, shall, in action involving actual combat with the enemy, or in the line of his profession, distinguish himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty and without detriment to his mission. Awarded for combat or noncombat action.

Authorized by: Act of December 21, 1861; act of March 3, 1901; act of March 3, 1915; act of February 4, 1919; and act of August 7, 1942, which supersedes previous acts.

NAVY CROSS

Awarded to any person serving in any capacity with the naval service of the United States who distinguishes himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Awarded for combat action only.

Authorized by: Act of February 4, 1919, and act of August 7, 1942.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Navy of the United States, since April 6, 1917, has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility. Awarded for combat or noncombat action.

Authorized by: Act of February 4, 1919, and act of August 7, 1942.

LEGION OF MERIT

Awarded to personnel of the armed forces of the United States and the Philippines; and personnel of the armed forces of friendly foreign nations who, since September 8, 1939, shall have distinguished themselves by exceptionally

meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Awarded in four different degrees--Chief Commander, Commander, Officer, and Legionnaire. Awarded for combat or noncombat action.

Authorized by: Act of July 20, 1942, and Executive Order No. 9260 of October 29, 1942.

SILVER STAR MEDAL

Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Navy of the United States, since December 6, 1941, has distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity in action, not sufficient to justify the award of Medal of Honor or Navy Cross. Awarded for combat action only.

Authorized by: Act of August 7, 1942.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Air Corps of the Army, National Guard, and Organized Reserves, or with United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, subsequently to April 6, 1917 has distinguished himself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. Members of military, naval, or air forces of foreign Governments while serving with the United States are also eligible. Awarded for combat or noncombat action.

Authorized by: Act of July 2, 1926, Executive Order No. 4576 of January 28, 1927, and Executive Order No. 7786 of January 8, 1938.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL

Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Navy, including Reserves, shall have, since December 6, 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy, or to any person to whom the Secretary of the Navy has formerly awarded a letter of commendation for heroism, regardless of date, subject to approval of the Board of Decorations and Medals. Awarded for noncombat action only.

Authorized by: Act of August 7, 1942.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Awarded to any person serving in or with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard after December 7, 1941, for heroic or meritorious achievement or service not involving aerial flight.

Authorized by: Executive Order, February 4, 1944.

AIR MEDAL

Awarded to any person who, while serving with Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, in any capacity, subsequent to September 8, 1939, distinguishes himself by meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight. Awarded for combat or noncombat action.

Authorized by: Executive Order No. 9158 of May 11, 1942, and General Order No. 175 of June 27, 1942.

25 May, 1945

COVER PAGE: - Coast Guardsman Wades Ashore At Tarawa. From a sketch by Combat Artist Ken Riley

ALABAMA

GRIFFITH, Robert L.
Lieut. Comdr. USPHS
Fort Payne, Box 264
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as senior medical officer of an attack transport during the assault and capture of Saipan Island from June 15, to July 9, 1944, and Tinian Island from July 24 to August 1, 1944. Lieut. Comdr. Griffith was responsible for the prompt and skilled treatment of more than 1,000 casualties taken aboard during the combined operations.

McMILLAN, Wm. M.
B.M. 1c USCG
304 Mildred St.
Montgomery.
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue operations off the coast of France, June, 1944. McMillan, when another craft was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue survivors. Through his gallant action the loss of life was kept at a minimum.

McMULLAN, Ira H.
Lieut. USCG
610 Columbiana Rd.
Birmingham
Air Medal

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of an amphibious plane attached to the Air Station, Miami, Fla., November 19, 1943. Lieut. McMullan landed his plane in strong wind and heavy sea to rescue two men who had parachuted from a plane eight miles from shore. By his expert airmanship, good judgment and courage, he aided in saving the lives of his comrades who otherwise might have perished.

NELSON, Roy C.
Mo.M.M. 1c. USCG
634 Euclid Ave.
Mobile
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic performance of duty during rescue operations of survivors of the torpedoed USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic March 9, 1944. Nelson volunteered to go over the side of his ship into the cold water to assist in the rescue of exhausted survivors. Unmindful of his own safety, he worked in rough oil-covered water, securing life lines around helpless survivors until he became benumbed by cold and exhaustion. His action resulted in the saving of lives which otherwise would have been lost.

WEST, Milton O., Jr.
Seaman, 1c. USCG
28 Lancaster Rd.
Springhill
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct during rescue operations of survivors of the SS EL COSTON February 27, 1944. West volunteered to go over the side in order to swim to exhausted survivors and attach life lines to them. In spite of a rough, debris-filled sea, he made four trips, each time rescuing one survivor.

ARKANSAS

ARNHART, Alvis D.
Ensign, USCGR
Lonoke
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of a Coast Guard Cutter in rescuing survivors of the invasion off the coast of France June 6, 1944. His Cutter went alongside a sinking landing craft and rescued 22 men from the wreckage, 19 of whom had to be removed on stretchers.

ARKANSAS (Continued)

MEEKER, Rex G.
Fireman, 1c. USCG
Route 1, Bono
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as engineer of a tank lighter during the assault on and occupation of French Morocco from November 8 to 11, 1942. When the boat in which he was stationed swamped in high surf. Meedker without hesitation took off his own life belt and placed it around an exhausted shipmate who was in danger of drowning and brought him safely to shore.

CALIFORNIA

ANDERSON, Malcolm M.
R.M.3c. USCGR
1332 Novellier St.
El Cerrito
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as a member of the beach party of a naval transport during landing operations at Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While under enemy fire, Anderson quickly and efficiently established radio communications with all vessels participating and thus contributed materially to the success of the landing operations.

BARBER, Carter
Sp.(PR) 1c. USCGR
270 S. Arroyo Blvd.
Pasadena
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For distinguishing himself by heroism as a member of the crew of a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue operations off the French coast, June, 1944. Barber, when another craft was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue survivors. Through his gallant action the loss of life was kept to a minimum.

BARTLETT, David H.
Comdr., USCG
2543 Termino Ave.
Long Beach
Legion of Merit

For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as commanding officer of a Patrol Frigate in action against a Japanese submarine. Through skillful maneuvering and sound attacking fundamentals, he was instrumental in the destruction of the submarine.

BLOOMFIELD, John E.
Seaman, 1c. USCG
3316 Watseka Ave.
Los Angeles
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving as a volunteer member of a boat crew engaged in rescue operations during a fire in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 21, 1944. Under conditions of great personal danger from fire and explosions, he dived overboard and brought one severely injured man to safety. He assisted in the rescue of 42 survivors, some of whom were injured and exhausted from the water and from burning ships.

BRIEN, Clyde T.
Seaman, 1c. USCGR
2305 Lincoln Ave.
Alameda
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While a vessel was burning as the result of a direct hit and in probable danger of further explosions, he went aboard the vessel and rendered assistance to wounded, preventing the loss of life of many of those injured.

CALIFORNIA (Continued)

CHURCH, Harry M.
Seaman, 1c. USCG
1729 Maple Street
Bakersfield
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving as volunteer coxswain of a boat engaged in rescue operations during a fire in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 21, 1944. Under conditions of great personal danger from fire and explosions, he assisted in rescuing 42 survivors, some of whom were injured and exhausted from the water and from burning ships.

DAVIS, Alan W.
Cox., USCG
625 Mayfield Ave.,
Stanford University
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement at sea December 5-6, 1944, while serving aboard a U. S. Army large tug en route to the Philippine. His craft went to the rescue of another ship which had been torpedoed by enemy action and saved 277 survivors from the abandoned ship.

EMERSON, Robert E.
Lieut. (jg) USCG
404 Alta Ave.,
Santa Monica
Silver Star

For gallantry in action during the assault on Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, February 17-22, 1944. As Boat Group Commander, he led his landing boat group, under fire, in three separate attacks upon islands of Eniwetok Atoll. His cool and skillful direction, initiative and efficiency contributed materially to the successful participation of his ship in the assault.

FRITZCHE, Edw. H.
Captain, USCG
901 Creed Rd.,
Oakland
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct, both in the preparation and execution of the amphibious assault on the coast of France June 6, 1944. Captain Fritzche was in command of a main group of the Assault Force, composed of a mixed fleet of American and British transports and American Landing craft. He brought these ships and craft to their predetermined stations in the transport area, successfully effected their prompt and efficient unloading, and expedited the assault troops and equipment to the designated beaches.

Gold Star in lieu
of a second Legion
of Merit

For meritorious conduct as commanding officer of a Coast Guard transport prior to and during the amphibious invasion of Southern France August 15, 1944. He efficiently organized and trained his ship and boat group to execute the assigned mission of loading, transporting to the assault area and landing the embarked Army assault units on the invasion beaches. His able conduct contributed materially to the effective establishment of the beachhead and to the overall success of the invasion.

FULLER, Bert P.
R.M. 3c. USCGR
2230 Lindoca St.
Bakersfield
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While a vessel was burning as a result of a direct hit and in probable danger of further explosions, he went aboard the vessel and rendered assistance to wounded, preventing the loss of life of many of those injured.

CALIFORNIA (Continued)

GARNER, David
R.M. 1c USCGR
Route 1, Box 860
Lawndale
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement at sea December 5-6, 1944, while serving aboard a U. S. Army large tug en route to the Philippines. His craft went to the rescue of another whip which had been torpedoed by enemy action, and saved 277 survivors from the abandoned ship.

GEHLERT, Gustave A., Jr.
Fireman, 2c. USCGR
309 Clementine St.
San Francisco
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For distinguishing himself by heroism while serving aboard an LST May 21, 1944, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when an explosion occurred aboard an adjoining ship, as he was overhauling a ship's boat. Disregarding personal safety, he remained at his post, others working with him having left the boat, and miraculously placed the motor in running condition and proceeded at great peril to his life through a hail of debris to pick up men struggling in the water. Although he had never before handled this type of boat, singled handed, he operated the boat and assisted a number of men, some wounded, into his boat until he became exhausted. He was joined by an officer and was able to carry on.

GROSS, Robert H.
Cox., USCG
320 Cameron Place
Glendale
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as coxswain of a Power Boat during rescue operations when a U. S. warship stranded. With mountainous seas breaking heavily on board the sinking warship and adjacent rocks, Gross skillfully maneuvered his boat into extremely perilous positions, many times narrowly escaping certain destruction, and personally rescued approximately 15 of his shipmates.

HAGEN, Paul E.
B. M. 2c USCGR
3615 Woodruff Ave.
Oakland
Bronze Star

For heroic achievement at sea December 5, 1944. When the U. S. Army large tug, on which he was serving, put about to render assistance to the crew of a torpedoed freighter, Hagen, a member of the life boat detail, was instrumental in the success of the rescue of 277 survivors.

HAMMOND, Joseph F.
Seaman, 2c. USCG
2846 S. Chesapeake Av.
Los Angeles
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving as a volunteer member of a boat crew engaged in rescue operations during a fire in Harbor, Hawaii, May 21, 1944. Under great personal from fire and explosions, he assisted in rescuing 42 survivors, some of whom were injured and exhausted, from the water and from burning ships.

HIGBEE, Frank D.
Captain, USCG
Claremont
Legion of Merit

For distinguishing himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct while in command of a group of ships. He displayed seamanship and leadership of the highest order while commanding echelons in the assault landings on enemy territory, and on numerous resupply echelons. His services contributed materially to the successful conclusion of an important campaign.

CALIFORNIA (Continued)

HOYLE, Robert
Lieut. (jg) USCG
3076 "J" St.
San Diego
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action against the enemy at Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, where he landed with the assault waves February 18 and 22, 1944, under devastating enemy fire, and without regard for his personal safety, he immediately and continuously exposed himself to enemy fire in order to perform his duties as beachmaster. On both Engebi and Parry Islands, he, acting on his own initiative, made his way through heavy enemy fire to relay urgent messages to the Landing Team Commander.

JORDAN, Jack S.
Seaman, 1c. USCGR
2523 Wellington Rd.
Los Angeles
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving aboard a Coast Guard Cutter engaged in rescue operations June 8, 1944, off the French coast. Jordan's craft moored alongside a holed Destroyer Escort to take off survivors. When the vessel began to roll over, Jordan, although the order to abandon ship had been given, continued to work on the bridge and succeeded in getting clear a member of the crew who had been pinned down by wreckage. He then successfully lowered the man and jumped clear as the ship took its final plunge.

KROHN, Abraham
Seaman, 2c., USCGR
1420 S. Main St.
Los Angeles
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement at sea December 5, 1944. When the U. S. Army tug on which he was serving put about to render assistance to the crew of a torpedoed freighter, Krohn was instrumental in the success of the rescue of 277 survivors.

LARSEN, Howard R.
Seaman, 1c., USCGR
11900 Utah St.
Los Angeles
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While a vessel was burning as the result of a direct hit and in probable danger of further explosions, he went aboard and rendered assistance to wounded. His courageous action resulted in the prevention of loss of life of many of those injured.

LONG, Wilson K.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
851 South Kenmore St.
Los Angeles
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action January 26, 1944, while attached to an LST during the amphibious invasion at Anzio, Italy. During a full gale, Long volunteered to take a landing boat to a burning LST nearby. Despite the fact that the burning ship was pitching and rolling in a dangerous manner and ammunition was exploding, he effected the rescue of a soldier, trapped in a lower compartment without means of escape, by removing him through a hole in the side of the ship.

LONGMIRE, James C.
G.M. 3c., USCG
P.O. Box 586
Tracy
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While a vessel was burning as the result of a direct hit and in probable danger of further explosions, he went aboard and rendered assistance to wounded. His courageous action resulted in the prevention of loss of life of many of those injured.

CALIFORNIA (Continued)

LOWERY, George A.
C.B.M., USCG
907 Arthur Way
San Leandro
Bronze Star

For heroic achievement at sea December 5, 1944. When the U. S. Army tug on which he was serving, put about to render assistance to the crew of a torpedoed freighter, Lowery directed the lowering of the ship's boats and the rescue efforts, resulting in the saving of 277 survivors.

NOACK, Roland H. Jr.
Seaman, 1c., USCGR
215 West 8th St.
Tracy
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving as a member of the crew of a fireboat engaged in combating fires and explosions on a burning ship at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 21, 1944. When the propellor of his ship became fouled with clothing during firefighting operations, he voluntarily jumped over the side into burning oil and gasoline covered waters and freed the propellor, thus keeping his ship in action when it was so vitally needed.

OLSON, Russel I.
R. M. 3c., USCGR
401 Myrtle Ave.
Modesto
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as a member of the beach party of a naval transport during landing operations at Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. During the landing assault, while under enemy fire, he quickly and efficiently established radio communications with all vessels participating and thus contributed materially to the success of the landing operations.

OWEN, Robert W.
Seaman, 1c. USCGR
4962 Haskell Ave.
Encino
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement at sea December 5, 1944. When the U. S. Army tug on which he was serving put about to render assistance to the crew of a torpedoed freighter, Owen was instrumental in the success of the rescue of 277 survivors.

POLLACK, A.
Lieut. Comdr. USCGR
West Point
Calaveras County
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of a tank landing ship operating in the Solomon Islands area from July, 1943, to May, 1944. By his courage and skillful handling of his ship during several enemy bombing attacks, he brought the vessel through with a minimum of damage and effected delivery of supplies vital to the success of the offensive operations in the Solomon Island Campaign.

PRITCHARD, John A. Jr.
Lieut. USCG
1500 Morningside Dr.
Burbank
Distinguished Flying
Cross (Posthumously)

For heroism while participating in aerial flights as pilot of a plane which rescued Army fliers stranded on the Greenland Ice Cap November 28-29, 1942. After safely landing on the Ice Cap, he took aboard two of the injured men and, with superb airmanship, successfully took off for his ship, arriving safely. The following day, he again volunteered to resume rescue operations for remaining Army fliers. After getting one more on board, he started for his ship, but failed to arrive.

CALIFORNIA (Continued)

Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

"For heroic conduct while serving aboard the Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND during the rescue November 23, 1942, of three members of the Royal Canadian Air Force stranded on the Greenland Ice Cap for 13 days. Volunteering to lead a rescue party from the ship, Lieutenant Pritchard reached the exhausted airmen and succeeded in bringing them safely to the ship.

RACANELLI, Vito N.
Sonarman, 2c. USCGR
628 Cole St.
San Francisco
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of a Coast Guard Cutter off the French coast June 30, 1944. Racanelli volunteered to go aboard a blazing tank landing craft and his efforts contributed substantially to the extinguishing of the fire and the bringing of the landing craft to the beach.

SPECK, Russel M.
Cox., USCG
8917 Alexander Ave.
South Gate
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as coxswain of a landing boat during rescue operations when a U. S. warship stranded. With mountainous seas breaking heavily on board the sinking warship and adjacent rocks, Speck skillfully maneuvered his boat into extremely perilous positions, many times narrowly escaping certain destruction, and personally rescued 15 of his shipmates.

TERRIEN, Ross H.
AMM 1c USCG
271 Taylor Ave.
Millbrag.
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as member of the crew of an amphibious plane attached to the Air Station, Miami, Fla., during the rescue of two members of a lost aircraft November 19, 1943. When strong winds made it extremely hazardous for his plane to turn cross wind to reach one survivor, Terrien courageously went over the side and swimming against the gigantic waves, carried a line to the weak and exhausted man.

THOMAS, Charles W.
Captain, USCG
150 East Ocean St.
Long Beach
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commander of a Greenland Patrol task unit and as commanding officer of a Coast Guard ice breaker during the fall of 1944. Captain Thomas, operating north of the Arctic Circle, inflicted severe damage on enemy installations and outposts in Northeast Greenland. He landed a force which destroyed a Nazi weather station and later captured an enemy armed trawler.

THOMSEN, Neils P.
Lieut. USCG
P.O. Box 995
Morro Bay
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as commanding officer of the YP-251 during action against a hostile submarine in North Pacific waters, July 9, 1942. Although an air driven torpedo passed 28 yards astern of his craft during the engagement, Lieut. Thomsen relentlessly pursued his target until spreading oil slicks and continuous air bubbles gave evidence of the probable destruction of the enemy vessel.

CALIFORNIA (Continued)

TOWNSEND, Marshall O.
Soundman, 1c, USCG
605 North Maple St.
Fresno
Bronze Star

For meritorious service in the performance of duties as South Operator aboard a U. S. warship. His exceptional ability at his battle station, and proficiency in the instruction of other men, contributed directly to the success of his ship in sinking a Japanese naval vessel.

VANN, George D.
Seaman, 1c, USCGR
2196 West 30th St.
Los Angeles
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while service aboard a destroyer escort during the rescue of survivors of the torpedoed LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic March 9, 1944. Courageously volunteering to assist in the rescue activities, Vann went over the side into ice, oil-covered waters and secured life lines around exhausted survivors.

COLORADO

EVANS, Raymond J.
C.S.M., USCG
940 East 5th St.
Denver
Navy Cross

For extraordinary heroism as a member of the crew of a landing boat assisting in the rescue of a group of Marines surrounded by enemy Japanese forces on a beach-head of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 27, 1942. Gallantly remaining at his post during the entire evacuation and with every other member of his crew killed or wounded, he maintained control of the boat with one hand on the wheel and continued to fire his automatic machine gun with the other, until the last boat cleared the beach. He contributed directly to the success of his mission by saving the lives of many who otherwise might have perished.

GOLDMAN, Robert
P. M. 2c., USCGR
Woodstock Valley
Bronze Star

For heroic conduct while aboard an LST in action against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, 12 November, 1944. Goldman administered medical aid to the wounded and dying even though he was severely injured, after a Japanese fighter plane had crashed into his ship. He persistently refused to care for his own wounds until all others had been treated and additional medical assistance arrived.

McNICHOLS, Stephen L.
Lt. (jg), USCGR
2355 Ivanhoe St.
Denver
Bronze Star

For heroism during the assault on enemy positions in the Pacific early in 1944. As assistant boat group commander, he assisted in loading the landing boat group of his ship, under fire, in three separate attacks upon islands of the enemy stronghold. His actions contributed materially to the successful participation of his ship in the assault.

MURRAY, Glenn C.
Seaman, 1c, USCGR
Route 1, Box 17
Arvada
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving as a member of the crew of a fireboat engaged in combating fires and explosions on a burning ship at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. When the propeller of his ship became fouled with clothing during the fire-fighting operations, he voluntarily jumped over the side into the burning oil and gasoline covered waters and freed the propeller, thus keeping his ship in action when it was so vitally needed.

CONNECTICUT

ANDERSON, Robert P.
Comdr., USCG
Noank
Bronze Star

For meritorious conduct in a position of responsibility on the Staff of Commander, Landing Craft Bases, 11th Amphibious Force, as assistant operations officer and later operations representative at Headquarters of Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, from November 2, 1943, until June 6, 1944. His actions contributed vitally to the successful assault upon Europe June 6, and the subsequent build-up of naval and military forces.

DEL PRA, A. E.
Lieut. Comdr. USCG
68 Maple Ave.
New London
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in handling and beaching a burning vessel at Finschhafen, New Guinea, August 23, 1944. Following a boiler explosion on a merchant ship, fire broke out. The ship had been abandoned by the crew when Lt. Comdr. Del Pra boarded her, directed beaching operations, remained with the ship until the fire was under control, and was largely responsible for preventing her sinking and preventing the spread of fire to other vessels.

ELMER, Robert E. P. Jr.
Lt. (jg), USCGR
704 Steamboat Rd.
Greenwich
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action while serving as officer in charge of a salvage boat while attached to the USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN during the assault at Salerno, Italy, September 9, 1943. Braving intermittent enemy bombing and strafing attacks, Lieutenant Elmer skillfully directed the recovery of damaged and stranded assault craft upon the various landing beaches.

IMLAY, Miles Hopkins
Captain, USCG
105 Glenwood Ave.
New London
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commander of of the Reserve Attack Group during the Sicilian invasion campaign. With outstanding skill and expert seamanship, Captain Imlay brought the group under his command to the scene of action and with speed and precision dispatched them to the designated beaches as they were required. Following the initial assault, he assisted in the support of the Army at Licata, and later was temporarily Commander of the Advance Base at Porto Empedocle, participating in the opening of that port while under enemy gunfire.

Gold Star in lieu of
Second Legion of
Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commander of the LST convoy of a Major Task Force during the assault upon Italy in September, 1943. Charged with the difficult assignment of bringing the vessels under his command safely through the hazardous course between Bizerte, Tunisia, and the Gulf of Salerno, Italy, Captain Imlay (then commander) performed his essential duties with outstanding skill, successfully reaching the designated assault beaches at the assigned time despite extremely adverse weather conditions and fierce enemy aerial opposition.

CONNECTICUT (Continued)

Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry as Deput Commander of an Assault Group participating in the initial invasion on the coast of France, June 6, 1944. Undaunted by heavy enemy fire, Captain Imlay courageously took station close to the shore on the early morning of D-Day and, throughout the most bitter period of the fighting, coolly and promptly made spot decisions on the reorganization, grouping and dispatching of craft to the beach, subsequently relieving the Task Group Commander of his duties when he withdrew his transport from the assault area. Immediately thereafter, he was placed in charge of operations afloat as assistant to the Naval Officer in Charge of one of the beaches and, discharging the duties of this responsibility with distinctive professional ability, contributed essentially to the rapid clearing of the backlog of ships.

LENCI, John
Lt., USCG
50 Cutler St.
New London
Bronze Star

For heroic conduct in action against the enemy in amphibious operations in the Southwest Pacific area. He aggressively maneuvered his ship in each operation and contributed to the success of them by his professional knowledge, skill and leadership.

MOORE, Harold C.
Commander, USCG
105 Glenwood Ave.
New London
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as Commanding Officer of the USS DUANE prior to and during the amphibious invasion of Southern France in August, 1944. With great professional skill and unremitting effort, Commander Moore so efficiently organized and administered his ship that it was able to act with maximum effectiveness as amphibious flagship of a Navy Task Force Commander.

VILE, Robert G.
Fireman, 1c, USCGR
Haddam
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct while serving aboard a Guard Cutter in attempting the rescue of survivors of a sinking U.S.A.T. When a small boat containing 32 survivors of the sinking ship was so violently thrown by the rough seas that three men were thrown over the side, Vile volunteered to go to the rescue of the helpless men. Disregarding a northerly gale, snow, the near freezing temperature of the water, and the battered, exhausted condition of two shipmates who had previously attempted similar rescues, Vile made his way to one survivor and towed him back to the Cutter.

WALSH, Quentin R.
Commander, USCG
New London
Navy Cross

For heroism as Commanding Officer of a U. S. Naval party reconnoitering the naval facilities and naval arsenal at Cherbourg June 26 and 27, 1944. While in command of a reconnaissance party, Commander Walsh entered the port of Cherbourg and penetrated the eastern half of the city, engaging in street fighting with the enemy. He accepted the surrender and disarmed 400 of the enemy force at the naval arsenal and later received unconditional surrender of 350 enemy troops and, at the same time, released 52 captured U. S. Army paratroopers.

CONNECTICUT (Continued)

WARD, Robert G.
Seaman, 1c., USCGR
432 Park St.
Bridgeport
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action during the landing operations against the enemy on Cotentin Peninsula, France, June 6, 1944. While acting as coxswain of a landing craft in the first wave, Ward successfully landed his troop personnel despite enemy opposition. Upon retracting from the beach he observed the stranded crews from two other landing craft whose boats had been destroyed by enemy mortar fire. Ward returned to the beach, took off both crews despite continued shelling, and returned safely with them to his ship.

DELAWARE

VERNON, Albert
Lt. (jg) USCGR
Odessa
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as Commanding Officer of a Coast Guard Cutter in rescuing survivors of the invasion off the coast of France June 6, 1944. During D-Day, his Cutter rescued 97 men. Each rescue was effected in the face of constant enemy fire from the beach which was in no way allowed to deter the splendid rescue operations.

BENNETT, Warren
C.M.M., USCG
Hillsboro Light Sta.
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as Officer-in-Charge of a Coast Guard detail from Hillsboro Light Station in saving a U. S. Army officer from drowning and in assisting in the rescue of seven other persons in the Atlantic off Deerfield Beach, Fla., May 2, 1943. Undeterred by treacherous undertow which had already taken the life of one man and was endangering seven others who were clinging desperately to a swamped dinghy, Bennett plunged into the surf and swam to the aid of the officer. After battling mountainous seas, he finally reached shore with the helpless man. He then directed the work of rescuing the others.

BERDINE, Harold S.
Comdr., USCG
172 Cordova St.
St. Augustine
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter SPENCER when that ship engaged and sank a German submarine in the Atlantic on April 17, 1943. Delivering depth charges, he forced the submarine to surface. Relentless strafing the damaged craft with gunfire, he finally destroyed her and captured many of her crew.

BOYETTE, James
Seaman, 1c., USCG
Indian Rocks
Pinellas
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue operations off the French coast, June, 1944. When a patrol craft was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, Boyette volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue some of the survivors. He did this knowing the personal jeopardy from the sea and the enemy shot which were falling with great intensity.

FLORIDA (Continued)

BRASWELL, Marvin T.
Comdr., USCG
216 39th Ave., So.
St. Petersburg
Foreign Government
Award

Awarded the National Order of Honor and Merit by the government of Haiti.

BRASWELL, Wheeler M.
Ensign, USCG
2917 S. W. 27th Ter.
Miami
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct following the crash of a Pan-American Airways seaplane in Biscayne Bay September 24, 1943. Ensign Braswell flew to the scene in advance of crash boats and anchored in the bay. Despite imminent danger of fire on the gasoline-covered waters, he swam to the stricken craft, worked his way through the crushed and jagged hull and entered a submerged compartment where the unconscious pilot was still strapped to his seat. Unfastening the safety belt, he dragged the helpless man out on one hand and, with the aid of a boatswain's mate who arrived by crash boat, administered artificial respiration until normal breathing was restored. He and his assistant removed another crew member and successfully revived a third airman.

CHASTAIN, Waldron B.
S.C. 3c, USCGR
1419 - 17th St.
Bradenton
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a DE during rescue of survivors of the sunk USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic Area the night of March 9, 1944. Courageously volunteering to assist in the rescue activities, Chastain, although fully aware that his ship might be forced to leave the area to avoid hostile torpedoes or to attack enemy submarines operating in the vicinity, unhesitatingly went over the side into the icy, oil-covered waters and secured life lines around exhausted survivors until he himself was completely exhausted and unable to continue his battle against rough seas.

CRAMER, Louis Jay
C.B.M., USCG
Route 1, Chipley.
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USS RICKETTS during rescue operations following a collision between SS EL COSTON and the SS MURFREESBORO in the Atlantic Area on the night of February 25-26, 1944. When crew members of both severely damaged vessels were forced by raging gasoline fires to abandon ship, Cramer materially assisted his senior officers in organizing effective rescue operations by his ship and supervised the saving of a large number of survivors. On several occasions he dived into the rough, oil-covered sea tied life lines around exhausted swimmers, thereby enabling them to be hauled to safety aboard the rescuing vessel.

FLORIDA (Continued)

EVERSFIELD, William
Sea Ic, USCG
2119 Parker Ave
West Palm Beach
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of a Coast Guard cutter during rescue operations off the coast of France, June 1944. When a patrol craft was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue some of the survivors in the water. He did this, knowing the danger from the sea and under intense enemy fire. Through his gallant action loss of life from the PC was kept at a minimum.

HILTON, Carl H.
Comdr. USCG
215 Whitehead St.,
Key West
(Foreign decoration)
Order of Trujillo and
Order of Military
Merit

THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC In view of the favorable vote of the Council of the order confers the decoration of the ORDER OF TRUJILLO in the "Caballero" . . . This order instituted in honor of the Benefactor of the Country, Generalissimo Doctor Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina is the highest honor next after the Decoration of Juan Pablo Duarte that a grateful nation concedes to its meritorious servants, as well as those who have been outstanding in their services rendered to humanity. Given and signed in Ciudad Trujillo, Capital of the Dominican Republic, the 20th day of July of the year 1944.
/s/ Rafael L. Trujillo.

HUTCHINS, Roy M.
Lieut. USCG
2616 S. W. 416 St.
Miami
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ALGONQUIN during the rescue, from a lifeboat, of survivors of the wrecked SS SVEND FOYNE in North Atlantic near Greenland, March 21, 1943. When the helpless men, weak and numb from exposure to the wind and freezing water were physically unable to cooperate with the ship's crew, Lt. (jg) Hutchins climbed over the side of his vessel, which was rolling from 20 to 30 degrees, and descended the cargo net. Although exceptionally rough seas were swamping the lifeboat, he went aboard, made lines fast fore & aft and tied lines around two of the small craft's exhausted occupants. After one man had been hauled onto the ALGONQUIN, Lt. (jg) Hutchins extricated the second from entanglement in a coil, thereby enabling him to be lifted to the deck. He undoubtedly saved the lives of two men who otherwise might have perished.

JESTER, Maurice D.
Comdr., USCG (Ret.)
290 Fernway,
Miami Springs
Navy Cross

For distinguished service as commander of the CGC ICARUS during a successful action on May 9, 1942, with a German submarine. His persistence, alertness, determination and judgment both during and after the attack resulted in sinking the enemy submarine and capturing the commanding officer, one other officer, and 31 crew members.

FLORIDA (Continued)

JOHNSON, John M.
Lt. (jg)
315 Cedar St.,
Gainesville,
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While a vessel was burning as the result of a direct hit and in probable danger of further explosions he went aboard the vessel and rendered assistance to wounded and others at a time when the ship's personnel were unable to do so. His courageous action undoubtedly resulted in the prevention of loss of life of many of those injured.

MATHIS, Virgil B.
Mo.M.M.1c USCGR
24 North Park
St. Augustine, Fla.
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement both on April 20 and May 3, 1944, while serving on board the USS MENGES in the Mediterranean. When the MENGES was ordered to rescue survivors of a destroyer, which had been by a force of enemy bombers, he exhibited leadership and skill in organizing assistance for the otherwise inadequate medical staff of his ship in order to properly care for the survivors being brought aboard. Later, when his own ship was torpedoed and seriously damaged he again performed outstanding work as a member of a repair party, thus materially contributing to the saving of his ship, and also gave able assistance in caring for those who had been injured.

NORTH, James B.
B.M. 2c, USCG
547 - 56th St.
West Palm Beach
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a crew member of a Coast Guard cutter during rescue operations off coast of France, June, 1944. North, when PC 1261 was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side to rescue survivors, despite rough seas and intense enemy fire. Through his gallant action loss of life from PC 1261 was kept at a minimum.

von PAULSEN, Carl C.
Captain, USCG
3855 Stewart Ave.,
Coconut Grove, Miami.
Legion of Merit

For outstanding services in positions of great responsibility in the Greenland Patrol. During period from late July 1941 to mid-September 1943, Captain von Paulsen as commanding officer, USCGC NORTHLAND, and later as Commander, Northeast Greenland Task Unit, conducted tactical operations against enemy outposts in Northeast Greenland, and by his detailed supervision and execution of these operations materially strengthened U. S. Naval control over these regions. He was responsible for careful reconnaissance and surveying of the east coast of Greenland, thereby obtaining accurate hydrographic information of the then little known East Greenland waters. In addition as Senior Officer Present, Afloat, Greenland, Captain von Paulsen made important contributions to organization and coordination of the activities of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet in the Greenland Area.

FLORIDA (Continued)

RYAN, Billy R.
Lt. (jg) USCG
P. O. Box 423
Arcadia
Bronze Star

For heroic achievement in action at Saipan Island June 15-24, 1944, as boat group commander of a transport, directing and supervising landing of personnel and supplies under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. He rescued a crew of five men from a landing craft stranded on a reef which was under direct artillery and mortar fire. Though he had been authorized to leave the vicinity because of the intensity of enemy fire, and also salvaged the boat. He also volunteered to test enemy fire after craft loaded with men and equipment proceeding through the boat channel had been fired upon by enemy artillery and sunk. Suspected enemy gun emplacements were then being bombarded by naval gunfire. To determine whether enemy guns had been neutralized, he took his boat through the channel and was fired upon. Enemy positions were then bombed by planes before boats were directed into the beach.

STARR, John
Lt. (jg) USCG (Deceased)
Widow's address:
514 South Beach St.
Ormand
Bronze Star

Posthumous -- For meritorious service while attached to the Greenland Patrol during June 1941 to March 1943. Exercising sound judgment and keen perception in the performance of his various exacting duties, he completely reorganized and established the Communication Division of the Flagship of Commander, Northeast Greenland Patrol, developing it into an efficient, well ordered unit. Later, through his vision and untiring efforts as member of the Staff of Senior Officer Present, Greenland, and of Commander, Greenland Patrol, he assured the early and continued success of the Patrol and contributed materially to the expeditious completion of the Greenland Radio Station.

UNGER, Aden C.
Commander USCG
156 - 20th Ave N.E.
St. Petersburg
Silver Star

For outstanding services as a deputy assault group commander in the assault on the coast of France, June 6, 1944. He took his station close to the beach under heavy enemy fire on the day of the assault and remained under fire during the most bitter period of the fighting, when with great coolness he made decisions on the spot, reorganized, grouped and dispatched craft to the beach, and made the weight of his judgment felt in a manner which contributed materially to the success of the operation.

WILLIAMS, Wilbert
D. B. SEA 2c, USCGR
315 East Swannanoa St.
Lakeland
Bronze Star

For heroic achievement at sea on 5 December, 1944. When the U. S. Army large tug on which he was serving put about to render assistance to the crew of a freighter torpedoed by enemy aerial action, he, as a member of the life boat detail, was instrumental in the rescue efforts. The number of survivors of the abandoned ship brought safely to the tug totalled 277.

GEORGIA

DENMAN, Douglas C.
Cox., USCG
76 Meadow St.
Tallapoosa
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving aboard the USS CALHOUN during an undetected Japanese air attack off Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, the night of August 30, 1942. Stationed in Boat No. 4, Deman, although he was severly wounded by the first two bombs to strike the ship, persisted in remaining on duty and, with the aid of a shipmate, carried two injured men to the bow of the boat and floated them clear. Together they threw overboard thrity kapok life jackets and called them to the attention of the survivors struggling in the water.

HENDRIX, John T.
E.M., USCG
2 White Street
Atlanta
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct aboard the USCGC MODOC during the rescue of survivors from the SVEND FOYNE in the Atlantic ocean on the morning of March 21, 1943. Going to the aid of a comrade, Hendrix voluntarily descended the port rescue net, with another enlisted men, to rescue three survivors who had jumped from a life raft alongside his vessel, and were helplessly trying to secure their life lines. Frequently submerged as the vessel rolled to port, he worked for fifteen minutes, waist deep in water, then assisted an exhausted comrade back on board. Hendrix's courageous efforts in behalf of his shipmates and two survivors saved from almost certain death were in keeping with the highest traditions.

MACKAY, James A.
Lt. (jg) USCGR
1245 Ridgewood Drive
N.E., Atlanta
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement on April 20 and May 3, 1944, while serving aboard the USS MENGES in the Mediterranean. When a U. S. destroyer escorting a valuable convoy was attacked and sunk by enemy bombing planes, the MENGES was ordered as rescue ship. Lt. (jg) Mackay, damage control officer, assisted in organizing rescue parties and so skillfully assisted in direction of rescue operations that over one hundred oil-soaked, shocked and injured survivors were brought aboard. Later, when the MENGES was torpedoed in action with an enemy submarine, he again distinguished himself by effectively isolating the damaged part of the ship, thus materially assisting in saving the ship by avoiding fire and the possibility of resulting explosion.

ILLINOIS

ANDERSON, Alvin Kenneth
B.M. 2c, USCG
4826 Berenice Ave.
Chicago
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry as coxswain of a scout boat while attached to the USS CHARLES CARROLL during the amphibious assault at Salerno, Italy, September 9, 1943. In the face of extreme hazards Anderson proceeded through mined waters to an assigned position close offshore and, maintaining this station for three hours under sustained enemy fire while an accurate range was lighted, assisted in guiding the assault waves to the heavily defended beach.

CONNOR, Thomas H.
Mo.M.M. 1c USCGR
731 Reba St.
Evanston
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance of duty while serving as motor machinist's mate aboard the USS LCI (L) 84 during the invasion of Normandy, June 6, 1944. When the vessel was grounded on some beach obstacles, Connor volunteered to carry a lifeline ashore even though the area was being shelled and knowing the surrounding water concealed numerous obstacles. Despite a tremendous off-shore current Connor successfully completed his mission. The line was later parted and while making an effort to secure the severed end, he succeeded in rescuing two soldiers who had been set adrift.

DODD, Neal D.
Sonarman 3c, USCG
421 Seventh St.
Peoria.
Navy and Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of the USCGC 16 during rescue operations off the coast of France during June 1944. When PC 1261 was hit by shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, Dodd volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue some of the survivors from the sea and the enemy shot which were falling with great intensity. Through his gallant action the loss of life from PC 1261 was kept at a minimum.

FREEMAN, James Stewart
Lieut. USCG
(Deceased)
312 Lee St. Evanston
Navy and Marine Corps
Medal

For outstanding heroism during rescue operations for a member off Norfolk, Va., August 10, 1942. Answering immediately the call for assistance in rescuing a man who had fallen overboard, Lieut. Freeman put on a diver's suit and entered the water. When Lieut. Freeman failed to answer signals after he had been searching in the water for half an hour his comrades brought him to the surface, but all efforts to revive him failed.

ILLINOIS (Continued)

GILTNER, William F.
Cox. USCGR
6615 South Paulina St.
Chicago
Bronze Star

For heroic service in the amphibious attack on Biak Island, Schouten Group, Dutch New Guinea, May 27, 1944. When members of the party landed on Green Beach they were subjected to severe hand grenade fire from Japanese troops in two caves in the cliff near the beach. While other members of the party attacked the enemy, he proceeded calmly and efficiently about his task, in face of continued enemy action. He confirmed the absence of underwater obstacles, located a safe approach for incoming craft, and successfully guided landing craft tanks (LCT), with their vital load of material to the beach. His cool, efficient and courageous performance of duty under fire permitted the accomplishment of his mission, and contributed materially to the success of the operation.

GREENE, Eugene C.
Sea. 1c, USCGR
322 Ridgeland Ave.
Waukegan,
Navy and Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct aboard a Destroyer Escort during the rescue of survivors of the sunk USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic Area on the night of March 9, 1944. Courageously volunteering to assist in rescue activities, Greene, although fully aware that his own ship might be forced to leave the area to avoid hostile torpedoes or to attack enemy submarines operating in the vicinity unhesitatingly went over the side into the icy, oil-covered waters and, working tirelessly and with utter disregard for personal safety, secured life lines around the exhausted survivors until he himself was completely exhausted and unable to continue his battle against the rough seas. Greene's splendid initiative and unselfish efforts were contributing factors in the saving of many lives.

GUZIK, Raymond R.
Mo. M.M. 2c, USCG
2845 West 23rd St.
Chicago
Bronze Star

When the LCI(L) 84, on which he was serving during the invasion of France, June 6, 1944, was grounded on some beach obstacles, he volunteered to carry a lifeline ashore even though the area was being shelled and well knowing the surrounding water concealed numerous obstacles. Despite a tremendous offshore current, Guzik successfully completed his mission. The line was later parted and while making an effort to secure the severed end he succeeded in rescuing two soldiers who had been set adrift.

ILLINOIS (Continued)

HAINRIHAR, Anton J.
Chief Water Tender
USCG
5061½ Alhambra Ave.
Chicago
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry while serving aboard the USCGC CAMPBELL during and following the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel. When the engine room flooded as a result of the attack upon the hostile vessel, Hainrihar, by his calm direction of necessary operations in the fire room, set an inspiring example to the other members of the crew and helped to sustain morale throughout the duration of the emergency. His tireless devotion to duty, maintained from 8 to 12 hours a day with the vessel in a precarious position was in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service.

HARRIS, Elmer
G.M.1c, USCG
4017 S. Kedzie Ave.
Chicago
Navy and Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a Destroyer Escort during the rescue of survivors of the sunk USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic area on the night of March 9, 1944. Courageously volunteering to assist in the rescue activities, Harris, although fully aware that his own ship might be forced to leave the area to avoid hostile torpedoes or to attack enemy submarines operating in the vicinity, unhesitatingly went over the side into the icy, oil-covered waters and, secured life lines around the exhausted survivors until he himself was completely exhausted and unable to continue his battle against the rough seas. Harris's splendid initiative and unselfish efforts were contributing factors in the saving of many lives.

LAWLESS, John D.
Watertender 2c, USCG
5603 Elizabeth St.
Chicago
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism on May 3, 1944 while serving on board the USS MENGES off the Algerian coast. When the MENGES was torpedoed in action with an enemy submarine, Lawless, with courage and initiative, assisted in removing two badly wounded men from the wreckage in a compartment where the danger from fire or explosion was imminent. In so doing, he voluntarily risked his own safety and probably saved the lives of two men who were too badly injured to save themselves.

MacLANE, Gordon H.
Lieut. USCG
1408 Lake St.,
Manston
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as coxswain of a power boat engaged in the rescue of personnel from a U. S. warship when that vessel was stranded. Although the decks of the ship were awash and the sea was breaking heavily against the adjacent rocks, Lieut. MacLane, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, skillfully maneuvered a power boat into highly dangerous waters in order to rescue survivors from the ship and from the sea.

ILLINOIS (Continued)

REDNOUR, Forrest O.
Ship's Cook, 2c USCG
(deceased)
109 N. Larami Av.
Chicago
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ESCANABA during the rescue of survivors from a torpedoed ship in North Atlantic waters. Despite possible enemy submarine action, Rednour risked his life in the black and icy waters to aid in the rescue of unconscious and helpless survivors. Realizing the danger of being crushed between the rafts and the ship's side or of being struck by a propeller blade if the engines backed, he swam in under the counter of the constantly maneuvering ESCANABA and prevented many floating survivors from being caught in the suction of the screws, in one instance retrieving a loaded raft. Rednour's gallant and voluntary action in subjecting himself to pounding seas and bitter cold for nearly four hours contributed to the rescue of 145 persons.

RISKEDAHL, Wayne A.
Mo.M.M. 1c, USCGR
480 Washington St.
Marseilles,
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving on a destroyer escort April 20, 1944, in the Mediterranean Sea. When a U. S. destroyer on convoy duty was attacked and sunk by a force of enemy bombing planes, the DE was ordered to act as rescue ship. Riskedahl voluntarily went over the side to aid those who were in the water. By so doing, he undoubtedly assisted in saving the lives of many who otherwise, because of exhaustion, could not have succeeded in boarding the rescue ship. Later when his own ship was damaged, he again distinguished himself by his outstanding performance of duty with repair parties and thus contributed materially to the saving of the ship.

SCALAN, Bernard Edward
Lt. Comdr. USCG
807 Randle St.,
Edwardsville
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a boat group commander during the amphibious assault at Salerno, Italy, on September 9, 1943. Braving intense fire from enemy shore emplacements, Lt. Comdr. Scalan marshalled and led the first and succeeding boat waves to the assigned assault beach, maintaining effective control of landings in spite of fierce enemy opposition. His brilliant leadership and tenacious devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the success of our assault operations in a vital area.

ILLINOIS (Continued)

TILLMAN, William N.
Ensign, USCG
1184 South Elmwood Ave.
Oak Park
(Deceased)
Bronze Star

For heroic service while serving as assistant gunnery and torpedo officer aboard the USS LEOPOLD during the sinking of that vessel in the Atlantic on March 9, 1944. Unmindful of his own danger, Ensign Tillman courageously remained in the after section of the ship following the attack and, working desperately to effect all possible safety measures, continued his valiant efforts until the LEOPOLD went down. His inspiring devotion to duty in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

YOUNGREN, Richard E.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
321 E. Central Blvd.
Kewanee
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving on board an LST during and explosion at Westloch, Pearl Harbor, T. H., on May 21, 1944. Wounded on the head from falling debris while in the midst of rescue work, he observed a Marine holding on to a line trailing from the bow of a landing ship underway in the channel. He maneuvered his boat into a position which permitted him to jump on a buoy, grasp the man and free him from the danger of being drawn into the churning propellers of the ship.

INDIANA

CARIENS, Richard J.
M.M.M. 1c, USCGR
3012 W. Michigan St.
Evansville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as a member of a Coast Guard fireboat crew following an explosion aboard an Army Aircraft Rescue boat at a dock on Sept. 22, 1943. After he and his crew mates had extinguished the fire Cariens unhesitatingly went aboard the rescue boat and undeterred by the possibility of another explosion of high octane gasoline, located and repaired a ruptured fuel line. His gallant disregard for his own safety and his excellent spirit of cooperation throughout the accomplishment of a hazardous task contributed to the reduction of danger to port installations and vessels docked in the vicinity.

OXLEY, Gene E.
Sea. 1c, USCGR
Stilesville
Silver Star

For gallantry while on the USS LCI (L) 85 during the assault on the coast of France June 6, 1944, and for extraordinary courage in volunteering and twice taking a line ashore, in the face of heavy machine gun and shell fire, in order to assist troops unloading from the ship to the beach through chest deep water.

INDIANA (Continued)

SEAMON, William E.
Mo.M.M. 3c, USCGR
320 N. Layman St.
Indianapolis
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism January 26, 1944, while attached to USS LST 16 during the amphibious invasion of Anzio, Italy. During a full gale with extremely heavy seas, he volunteered as a member of a boat crew to do to the side of the burning HMS LST 422 in an effort to rescue personnel trapped below decks. Without hesitation he assisted in taking the small boat through a heavily mined area alongside the blazing ship. Despite the fact that the HMS LST 422 was pitching and rolling in a dangerous manner and ammunition was exploding, he aided in effecting the rescue of a soldier, trapped in a lower compartment of the ship, by removing him through a hole in the side of the ship and bringing him safely to the USS LST 16.

IOWA

BAILEY, Bernard A.,
Lieut. USCGR
Grinnel
Air Medal

For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while serving with an Air-Sea Rescue Task Unit during rescue operations off Marine Corps Air Station, Stana Barbara, Calif., July 28, 1944. Braving the hazards of a high wind and an exceptionally rough sea, Lieut. Bailey unhesitatingly went to the assistance of an injured airman adrift in the water, skillfully landing his craft and effecting the rescue with safety.

POWERS, Burke I.,
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
302 E. First Ave.
Oskaloosa
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of USCGC 83428 off the coast of France, August 7, 1944. His cutter proceeded to the scene of the sinking of HMS AMSTERDAM, a hospital ship. Upon arrival at the scene, a good many survivors were found in the water, which necessitated practically the entire crew of the Coast Guard craft going over the side into the sea to assist in hauling the badly wounded aboard. The assigned tasks were performed efficiently and calmly under very trying conditions. The leadership and outstanding performance of duty displayed on this occasion were in keeping with the best traditions of the U. S. Naval Service.

RAU, Robert Carl
Lieut. (jg), USCGR
821 Sixth Ave. So.
Clinton
Bronze Star

For heroic conduct as officer in charge of a landing boat section during the initial assault on an enemy held island. After his boat has successfully landed its troops he observed another boat in distress. While under enemy fire he directed and effected the rescue of the personnel from the sinking craft. Under his direction their withdrawal from the danger area was successfully completed. His conduct on this occasion distinguished himself among those performing duties of the same character.

KANSAS

JASON, Edward Lloyd
Sea 2c, USCGR
610 South Market
Wichita
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a Coast Guard cutter during rescue of survivors from the USS ST. AUGUSTINE after the accidental sinking of that vessel in the Atlantic ocean the night of January 6, 1943. Observing several survivors struggling to keep themselves afloat in the heavy seas, he repeatedly jumped overboard into the icy waters to effect their rescue and bring them safe aboard his ship. His courageous initiative and utter disregard for his personal safety in the face of grave danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men who otherwise might have perished.

KENTUCKY

DICHIARA, Robert M.
Sea 1c, USCGR
Route 5, Box 596
Louisville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While a vessel was burning as the result of a direct hit and in probable danger of further explosions, he went aboard the vessel and rendered assistance to wounded and others at a time when the ship's personnel were unable to do so. His courageous action undoubtedly resulted in the prevention of loss of life of many of those injured.

LOUISIANA

CHOINA, Leroy A.
Sea 2c, USCGR
2105 Columbus St.,
New Orleans
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While a vessel was burning as the result of a direct hit and in probable danger of further explosions, he went aboard the vessel and rendered assistance to wounded and others at a time when the ship's personnel were unable to do so. His courageous action undoubtedly resulted in the prevention of loss of life of many of those injured.

LOUISIANA (Continued)

CLAIBORNE, Charles B.
Lieut., USCGR
35 Pelham Dr.
New Orleans
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as operations officer of a U. S. Coast Guard flotilla just prior to and during the invasion of the coast of France in June, 1944. The first boat to arrive from the United States did not reach the United Kingdom until the first of April, and craft continued to arrive up until forty-eight hours of D-Day. Lieut. Claiborne was assigned to duty as operations officer upon reporting shortly before D-Day. Overcoming all obstacles without benefit of any exercises, he succeeded in having every unit in its assigned position at the crucial time. Up until November 1, 1944, the Channel had been crossed 1992 times by units of the flotilla covering a total of approximately 200,000 nautical miles. His department remained on a twenty-four basis and accomplished all missions despite extensive repairs necessitated by the trying conditions under which the operations were conducted. The leadership, tireless devotion to duty and achievements of Lieut. Claiborne were in keeping with the best traditions of the U. S. Coast Guard and reflect great credit upon the U. S. Naval Service.

LOFTON, John Hale
Sea Ic, USCGR
Route 1, Box 348
Pineville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of the USS BAYFIELD and serving in an LCVP attached to that ship during operations off the coast of France June 13, 1944. A landing Craft Tank was seen to strike a mine and the LCVP was dispatched to assist. Upon approaching the stricken craft two soldiers were seen to be struggling in the water one of whom appeared to be badly injured. The LCVP could not get close to the men because of the rough sea. Lofton, without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, jumped overboard and swam to the assistance of the soldiers. He placed a life ring around the uninjured soldier and went on in an attempt to save the wounded man. When he reached the latter it was evident that the soldier was dead. He brought back the body to the craft and then swam out and brought the unwounded man back.

McKEAN, George W.
Captain, USCG
4122 Vincennes Place
New Orleans
Order of Military Merit
of Brazil

For safely transporting Brazilian troops to the European Theatre of War.

MAINE

ANDERSON, Carlton F.
Chief Mo.M.M., USCG
Fowler Road
South Portland
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter 83468 off the coast of France June 30, 1944. On this date the mining of a Landing Craft Tank was observed approximately one thousand yards distant. After three casualties had been taken aboard from the stricken vessel the commanding officer of the landing craft reported fire aboard and requested volunteers from the cutter to help extinguish the fire. Anderson after having volunteered, was selected and put aboard the ship. His efficiency and meritorious effort contributed substantially to the extinguishing of the fire and the bringing of the landing craft to the beach.

McMULLEN, Roderick Peter
F. 1c, USCGR
Whitneyville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a Coast Guard cutter during rescue of survivors from the USS ST. AUGUSTINE after the accidental sinking of that vessel in the Atlantic Ocean on the night of January 6, 1943. Observing several survivors struggling to keep themselves afloat in the heavy seas, McMullen repeatedly jumped overboard into life rafts and icy waters to effect their rescue and bring them safe aboard his ship. His courageous initiative and utter disregard for his own personal safety in the face of grave peril undoubtedly saved the lives of many men who otherwise might have perished.

MARYLAND

BRALLIER, Bret H.
Commander, USCG
6915 Arlington Road
Bethesda
Silver Star

For gallantry as executive officer of the USCGC CAMPBELL during and following the sinking of an enemy submarine. When his ship surprised the hostile vessel on the surface and collided with it during an attempt to ram, he, by his expert conning throughout a vigorous engagement, contributed materially to the sinking of the submarine by gunfire and depth charges and to the capture of several members of her crew. Afterward he rendered invaluable assistance to his commanding officer in the successful control of damage aboard the cutter and her safe towage into port. His courageous leadership and conscientious devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

COULTAS, William F.
Cox., USCG
811 38th St.
Baltimore
Navy & Marine
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a U. S. Coast Guard cutter during the rescue of survivors from a merchant ship in the Atlantic ocean. Going to the aid of a comrade, Coultas voluntarily descended the port rescue net, with another enlisted man, to rescue three survivors who had jumped from a life raft alongside his vessel, and were helplessly trying to secure their life lines. Frequently submerged as the vessel rolled to port, he worked for fifteen minutes, waist deep in water then assisted an exhausted comrade back on board. His courageous efforts in behalf of his shipmates and two survivors saved from almost certain death were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service.

MARYLAND (Continued)

DUCKWORTH, Clifton M.
Chief Carpenter's Mate
USCG
Route 1, Box 69
Western Port
Legion of Merit

For outstanding service while serving aboard the USCGC CAMPBELL following the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel. When the cutter was severely damaged as a result of the attack upon the hostile ship, Duckworth, by his effective skill in shoring and reinforcing bulkheads, made it possible for the vessel to be towed 800 miles to port. In addition to this he also succeeded in constructing a crib from a limited and inadequate supply of lumber on board the stricken vessel. His courageous initiative and perseverance set an inspiring example to the other members of the crew and helped to sustain morale throughout the duration of the emergency.

HALL, Norman B.
Commodore, USCG
210 E. Thornapple St.
Chevy Chase

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Chief of the Port Security Division of the U. S. Coast Guard from June, 1942 to December, 1944. Displaying sound judgment and excellent administrative ability, Commodore Hall worked tirelessly in the execution of a difficult assignment. An inspiring and forceful leader, he skillfully supervised the strategic placement of personnel and equipment in the port security organizations, thereby facilitating the safe and uninterrupted flow of our nation's manpower and war materials to the battlefronts of the world.

HIRSHFIELD, James A.
Captain, USCG
6901 Arlington Road
Bethesda
Navy Cross

For extraordinary heroism and distinguished service in action as commanding officer of the USCGC CAMPBELL on February 22, 1943, when an enemy submarine was severely damaged and sunk, and during the ensuing period when the CAMPBELL, which was damaged in the engagement, was towed safely to port. The CAMPBELL was engaged in escort operations when she caught an enemy submarine on the surface, collided with it in an attempt to ram, and finally, sank it with gunfire and depth charges, taking several prisoners. Captain Hirshfield, although injured by flying splinters, remained in command throughout the action and subsequent operations, and exhibited an extraordinary degree of coolness and ability.

MARRON, Raymond Virgil
Captain, USCG
6009 N. Charles St.
Baltimore
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as commanding officer of a ship engaged in the landing of assault troops on Roi and Namur Islands, Kwajalein Atoll, on January 31, 1944, and other operations. His excellent direction of training for the operations and his efficient execution of the missions assigned his ship and attached landing craft contributed largely to the success of the naval phase of the eminently successful attacks.

MARYLAND (Continued)

MAUERMAN, Raymond J.
Captain, USCG
4500 Stanford St.
Chevy Chase
Legion of Merit

For meritorious conduct as commanding officer of the USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN during the amphibious invasion of Italy. Displaying keen judgement and expert professional skill, he effectively directed the training, planning and performance of his ship under devastating hostile fire, enabling troops, vehicles and equipment to be disembarked expeditiously on the well fortified enemy beachhead. By his splendid shiphandling and sound evasive tactics he fought his vessel ably and efficiently during repeated heavy bombing attacks and brought her through without serious casualties to his command.

A Gold Star in lieu
of a second Legion of
Merit

For outstanding services as commanding officer of the DICKMAN prior to and during the amphibious invasion of Southern France, 15 August, 1944. Captain Mauerman efficiently organized and thoroughly trained his ship and boat group to execute the assigned mission of leading, transporting to the assault area and landing the embarked Army assault units on the invasion beaches on the coast of Southern France. His able conduct of this task contributed materially to the effective establishment of the beachhead and to the overall success of the invasion.

MEEKINS, G. Tinsley
Ensign, USCGR
213 Belvedere Ave.
Cambridge
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of USCGC 83304 during the initial assault on the coast of France, June 6, 1944. The cutter was assigned to take station approximately three hundred yards off the beach when she went to the rescue of personnel from ducks which had swamped while participating in the operation. Despite the heavy surf and danger from underwater obstacles, nine men were rescued, one in an unconscious condition. He was given artificial respiration on the open deck and revived en route to a hospital ship. Enemy fire was continuous throughout the rescue operations.

O'NEILL, Merlin,
Captain, USCG
Garrison
Legion of Merit

For outstanding services in the amphibious invasion of the Island of Sicily as commanding officer of the USS LEONARD WOOD. By careful preparation, outstanding professional skill and cool and energetic leadership under fire, he effected the landing of embarked troops and equipment in such manner as to contribute greatly to the success of the assault. He ably fought his ship during enemy bombing attacks, and, upon completion of operations, retired from the combat area without any damage to his ship.

MARYLAND (Continued)

PAYNE, Ernest W.
Lieut. USCG
5 Giddings St.
West Annapolis
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic and courageous conduct while serving as executive officer of a Coast Guard cutter of the U. S. Atlantic fleet during fire fighting operations on October 25, 1944. As officer in charge of a fire fighting party he remained below decks in an extremely dangerous area until fires were extinguished and the gravely imperiled ship saved from destruction. Although the intense heat of the flames and noxious smoke fumes spread throughout the ship, Lieut. Payne remained at his station below decks directing fire fighting measures until overcome by the heat and fumes. Upon recovering and realizing that the safety of his own ship and of the disabled ship in tow depended upon the extinguishing of the fires, Lieut. Payne resolutely reentered the fired compartment and resumed the direction of the fire fighting operations until the blaze was extinguished.

STRING, John F. Jr.,
Lieut. USCGR
Holmhurst Farm
Leonardtwn
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action while serving as commanding officer of the USS PC 545 off Anzio, Italy, on March 18, 1944. When an enemy motor torpedo boat was sighted at night. Lieut. String immediately ordered the attack. With an expert display of seamanship, he so skillfully maneuvered the ship that the first shots scored hits on the enemy craft before it was able to maneuver into position to effectively use its torpedoes, and the resulting fire caused it to disintegrate in an explosion. This successful action against the enemy contributed materially to the protection of shipping in the Anzio area, and to the successful maintenance of forces ashore.

MASSACHUSETTS

ANDERSON, Langford
Lieut. USCGR
13 Eaton Court
Wellesley Hills
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct in effecting the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed SS DORCHESTER 3 February, 1943. When benumbed survivors of the DORCHESTER were unable because of heavy seas and freezing winds, to make any effort to climb on board the rescuing ship, Lieut. Anderson was the first to volunteer for the dangerous task of going over the side and working in the rough freezing water in order to assist the exhausted and helpless survivors in reaching the safety of the CGC COMANCHE. He worked in and out of the water aiding survivors until he was physically exhausted and required assistance to return on board his ship. Largely inspired by his courage, a number of men followed his leadership and volunteered for the performance of similar duty. As a result of the combined efforts of the rescuers under Lieut. Anderson's leadership a total of 93 survivors were saved.

ANDERSON, Rowland R.
Sea. 2c, USCGR
17 Rich St.
Mattapan
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a Coast Guard cutter during rescue of survivors from the USS ST. AUGUSTINE after the accidental sinking of that vessel in the Atlantic the night of January 6, 1943. Observing several survivors struggling to keep themselves afloat in the heavy seas, he repeatedly jumped overboard into life rafts and icy waters to effect their rescue and bring them safe aboard his ship. His courageous initiative undoubtedly saved the lives of many men who otherwise might have perished.

BERG, Martin D., Lieut.
Commander, USCGR
119 Dudley St.
Medford, Mass.
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as assistant communications officer on the staff of a naval task force commander prior to and during the amphibious invasion of Southern France August, 1944. He displayed great skill and energy in organizing and supervising a training program for all communications personnel of the force and ably directed procurement and installation of equipment required. During the assault operation he assisted in readjusting the radio organization of the task force to conform to the constantly changing tactical situation and disposition of naval units. The efficient functioning of communications contributed materially to the overall success of the invasion.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

CANTWELL, John F.
Fireman 1c, USCGR
115 South Street
Lynn
Navy and Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism during the invasion of the Coast of France. On August 27, 1944, when his ship was damaged by an underwater explosion, Cantwell was blown over the side with several others and although suffering with two broken legs, he swam to the assistance of a badly injured shipmate and supported him until both were picked up by the ship's boat. Cantwell's initiative and courage were an inspiration to his shipmates and in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Naval Service.

CHEEVER, William A.
CBM, USCG
13 Summer Street
Nahant
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of Coast Guard Cutter 16 during rescue operations off the coast of France, June 1944. Cheever, when PC 1261 was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue some of the survivors in the water. He did this knowing the personal jeopardy from the sea and enemy shot falling with great intensity. Through his gallant action loss of life from PC 1261 was kept at a minimum.

CUNNINGHAM, Frank M.
Soundman 2c, USCG
116 Cedar St.
Somerville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct while serving aboard the the USCGC ALGONQUIN during the rescue, from a life boat, of survivors of the wrecked SS SVEND FOYNE near Greenland, March 21, 1943. With exceptionally rough seas rolling his ship from 20 to 30 degrees and with wind and freezing water greatly hampering rescue operations, Cunningham, after recovering from his first futile attempt, unhesitatingly went over the ALGONQUIN'S side a second time and effected a perilous descent on the cargo net to the swamped craft and tied lines around two of the exhausted men, enabling them to be pulled to the vessel's deck. He undoubtedly saved two lives which otherwise might have been lost.

DUNNE, Robert J.
Electrician's Mate 3c
USCGR
167 Pearl Street
Newton
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism January 26, 1944, while attached to USS LST 16 during the amphibious invasion at Anzio, Italy. During a full gale with extremely heavy seas he volunteered as a boat crew member to go to the burning HMS LST 422 in an effort to rescue personnel trapped below decks. He assisted in taking the small boat through a heavily mined area alongside the blazing ship, which was pitching and rolling in a dangerous manner and whose ammunition was exploding, and aided in the rescue of a soldier trapped in a lower compartment by removing him through a hole in the side of the ship and bringing him safely to the USS LST 16.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

BILDERBACK, Kenneth M.
Lieut. (jg), USCG
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lowell Street
Salem
Air Medal

He contributed materially to the outstanding successfully summer operations of the Greenland Patrol. Frequently flying as many as three daily missions under extremely hazardous conditions, Lieut. (jg) Bilderback increased the effective patrol range of his ship through his own observations and through the transfer of vital stores to isolated land patrols and outposts. His timely sighting of an armed enemy trawler resulted in its interception by his mother ship, the enemy's subsequent destruction and the resultant prevention of the establishment of an enemy weather station.

BOTTOMS, Benjamin A.
Radioman 1c, USCG
100 Bay View Ave.
Salem
Distinguished Flying
Cross
(Posthumously)

For extraordinary achievement displayed November 28 and 29, 1942, while participating in aerial flights as radioman of a plane incident to the rescue of Army fliers stranded on the Greenland Ice Cap. He rendered valuable assistance to the pilot on the two flights to the Ice Cap, maintained excellent contact by radio between his plane and other ship and assisted the pilot in rendering aid to the injured and stranded fliers.

BUTCHER, Reginald W.
Lieut. Comdr. USCG
220 Jamaica Way
Jamaica Plain
Legion of Merit

For outstanding services as commanding officer of U. S. Coast Guard cutter in offensive operations against enemy forces north of the Arctic Circle during the period from July until September 1944. He utilized the limited combat capabilities of his ship to the fullest extent in inflicting major damage on the enemy. Despite the difficulties of traversing sections of the Polar Ice Pack, he put ashore a formidable landing force which located and destroyed an important enemy installation. Later, while conducting a patrol in an isolated area, a unit attached to his command sighted a small armed enemy ship which endeavored to escape by use of its superior speed and maneuverability. After a 70 mile chase through icefields he succeeded in outmaneuvering the enemy, closing to effective gun range and forcing the enemy to surrender and scuttle.

DURGIN, Willard L.
Mo. M. M. 1c, USCGR
North Bluff, Oak Bluffs
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as engineer of a landing boat from a United States transport during the assault on and occupation of French Morocco, November 8-11, 1942. Under extremely hazardous conditions he heroically remained at his post in a stranded boat for two and one-half days, keeping the craft bailed out and free from sand, despite gruelling hardships and exposure to hostile bombing and strafing. Through his tireless efforts and dauntless courage, Durgin enabled our forces to salvage the boat for further service in transporting troops and supplies to the beaches at a time when boats were urgently needed for vital landing operations.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

FLANAGAN, Thomas R.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
55 Wigglesworth St.
Malden
Bronze Star

For heroic service in combat against the enemy. Lieut. (jg) Flanagan was the gunnery officer on board the USS LST 202, which was engaged in the supply of Los Negros Island. On March 2, 1944, his ship was subjected to heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire from the shore. He skillfully opened up an accurate strafing attack against the enemy shore installations and succeeded in silencing them without his ship suffering casualties or material damage.

HANNIGAN, John F.
B.M.2c, USCG
354 Webster St.
Rockland

For heroism as a crew member of the USCGC 16 during rescue operations off the coast of France June, 1944. When PC 1261 was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, Hannigan volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue survivors in the water. He did this knowing the personal jeopardy from the sea and intense enemy fire. Through his gallant action loss of life from the PC 1261 was kept at a minimum.

HARLAND, George John
Soundman 3c, USCGR
4 Leeds St.
South Boston
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USS RICKETTS during rescue operations following a collision between the SS EL COSTON and the SS MURFREESBORO in the Atlantic Area on the night of February 25-26, 1944. When the crew members of both severely damaged vessels were forced by raging gasoline fires to abandon ship, he voluntarily went over the side of his heavily rolling rescue ship and, despite rough seas and burning gasoline which covered a large part of the water, worked tirelessly and with utter disregard for his own safety to aid the exhausted survivors in reaching and climbing the nets rigged along the sides of the rescue vessel.

HERSEY, Paul F.,
Lieut. (jg) USCG
41 Columbus Ave.
Salem
Air Medal

For achievement as pilot of a Navy amphibious utility plane based in a Coast Guard cutter of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet from July to October 1944. Lieut. (jg) Hersey contributed materially to the success of operations against enemy forces and installations in Northeast Greenland through his successful accomplishment of aerial patrols and searches. Handicapped by extremely unfavorable flying conditions, extensive mechanical failures and inadequate spares, he kept his plane in a continuous operative condition during a period of three months within the limits of the Polar Ice Pack.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

HILDTICH, Frank D.
Lieut. USCG
122 Albemarle Road
Newtonville
Bronze Star

For outstanding services as commanding officer of the USCGC SORREL in connection with the salvaging of the burning and abandoned tanker MURFREESBORO. On contacting the derelict he was unable to take it in tow because of extremely unfavorable weather and the small size and limited power of his ship. While waiting for the weather to moderate, the SORREL searched the area for survivors. Late in the afternoon of February 28, 1944 when sea and wind had abated, he closed the burning tanker and put a salvage party on board. They succeeded in extinguishing the fires, and the following morning Lieut. Hilditch led a salvage party aboard the MURFREESBORO and began attempts to get the ship underway under its own power, which were continued until a salvage tug capable of taking the large tanker in tow arrived on the scene. His brilliant seamanship made possible the salvage of the tanker with its large cargo of high octane aviation gasoline.

HILL, Walter, Sea.
1c, USCGR
125 Farnham St.
Lawrence
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a crew member of the USCGC 83468 off the coast of France on June 30, 1944. On this date the mining of a landing craft tank was observed approximately one thousand yards distant. After three casualties had been taken from the stricken ship, the commanding officer of the landing craft report fire aboard and requested volunteers from the cutter to help extinguish the fire. Hill volunteered and was put aboard. His efficiency and meritorious effort contributed substantially to the extinguishing of the fire and the bringing of the landing craft to the beach.

JOSEPH, John M.,
Lieut. USCG
North Truro
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as U. S. Naval Liason Loading Officer with the U. S. Army prior to and during the amphibious invasion of Southern France in August 1944. During the planning stages of the invasion, he exhibited great professional skill and untiring energy in assisting in the pre-stowage planning and loading of combat loaders. He maintained a close and tactful liason with the Army at all times, and largely through his expert advice and meticulous attention to detail the practice landings in the Gulf of Arzew, Algeria, were carried out with outstanding efficiency and dispatch. His intelligent planning and ready cooperation, which materially contributed to the expeditious discharge of Army vehicles and equipment on the Allied beachheads, were instrumental in the overall success of the invasion.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

KALLAS, Peter
Mo.M.M.lc, USCG
38 English Street
Peabody
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct during a raging fire at Pemberton Supply Pier on July 25, 1943. Undeterred by the warning of extreme danger, Kallas hurried along the burning pier and with two companions braved a virtual wall of flame and dense smoke to go aboard a Coast Guard speed boat moored to the wharf. Standing by while the Coast Guardsmen dived over the side in an attempt to save a Picket Boat which was already ablaze, he sustained serious burns from the terrific heat but succeeded in pulling the two exhausted men aboard and getting them safely to shore. His gallant action in saving his two comrades at great risk to his own life was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service.

KELLEY, Thomas N.
Lieut. Comdr. USCGR
Quisset Avenue
Woods Hole
Bronze Star

For heroic conduct in action against the enemy while commanding officer of vessels in amphibious operations in the Southwest Pacific Area. He aggressively maneuvered his ship in a courageous manner in each of these operations, and contributed to the success of the operations by his professional knowledge, skill and leadership. His conduct in the combat areas has distinguished him among those performing duties of the same character.

LINDQUIST, Karl A. E.
Lt. Comdr. USCG
220 Jamaica Way
Jamaica Plain
Bronze Star

For heroic conduct in action against the enemy while commanding officer, USS LST 68 and commander, LST Division 42, Flotilla 7, in amphibious operations at Cape Gloucester, 26 December 1943; Admiralty Islands, 6 March 1944; Humboldt Bay, 23 April, 1944; Wakde, 17 May, 1944; Noemfoor, 4 July, 1944; and Sansapor, 2 August, 1944. He aggressively maneuvered his ship and his division in a courageous manner in each of the above operations and his leadership contributed to the success of them.

McGILLICUDDY, Leo X.
Coxswain, USCG
23 Tower Street
Boston
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as coxswain of a landing boat while engaged in operations against the enemy at Kwajalein Atoll, in January and February, 1944; Guam, in July 1944; Peleliu Island in September 1944, and Leyte Island on 20 October, 1944. Throughout these operations, although subjected to enemy mortar, machine gun and artillery fire, he courageously and efficiently performed his duties. During the assault on Leyte his boat was struck and heavily damaged by enemy fire. After exhausting all efforts to reach the beach, McGillicuddy efficiently directed the transfer of passengers and members of the crew, several of whom were gravely wounded. By courageous conduct during these operations he distinguished himself among those performing duties of a similar nature.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

NICKERSON, Arthur
Carpenter's Mate 1c
USCGR
Bedford Springs
Bedford
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct while serving aboard a Coast Guard cutter in attempting the rescue of survivors of a sinking U. S. Army transport. When a small boat containing thirty-two survivors of the sinking ship was so violently thrown about by the rough seas that three men were thrown over the side, Nickerson volunteered to go the rescue of the helpless men. Disregarding a northerly gale, snow, extremely rough seas and the near freezing temperature of the water, and the battered, exhausted condition of a shipmate who had previously attempted a similar rescue, Nickerson, clad in a rubber suit, entered the water in an effort to retrieve one of the survivors. Making his way to the survivor, Nickerson succeeded in towing him back to the cutter when the survivor slipped from his grasp after Nickerson had been battered into a state of helplessness by the heavy seas. Nickerson was then hauled back on board the cutter in a semi-conscious condition.

O'HAYRE, Robert J.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
38 Wheatland Ave.
Dorchester
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism during the amphibious invasion of Southern France on 16 August, 1944. When the landing craft of which he was officer in charge was passing close aboard a U. S. Army Hospital Ship which had just hoisted anchor and was getting underway, a man aboard the Hospital Ship was seen to fall overboard. Life rings were thrown to him from the ship and a line was thrown from the landing craft but due to the rough waters and owing to his inability to swim the man was unable to hold on to any of them. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieut. (jg) O'Hayre jumped into the water, swam to the drowning man and sustained him until both were hauled aboard to safety. His prompt and courageous action was undoubtedly responsible for saving the life of the drowning man.

PEDERSEN, Arne C.
Lieut. USCG
8 Main Street
Malden
Bronze Star

For exceptional performance of duty while serving in Northeast Greenland and outlying stations during the period from October 1941 until September 1944. Lieut. Pedersen, despite the rigors and hardships of an isolated Arctic station, established and operated a high frequency radio direction finder station in an inaccessible and uninhabited part of Northeast Greenland. Cut off from the rest of the world, he and a single assistant remained at this isolated station almost a year monitoring all radio transmissions in an attempt to locate enemy radio stations in that area. Later, establishing a similar station on an outlying island, he performed similar duties definitely locating two enemy weather stations and subjecting one to attack by American forces.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

PETERSON, Clarence H.
Captain, USCG
28 Lewis Road
Belmont
Silver Star

For gallantry in action against the enemy. As commander of a task unit he personally led it in an amphibious operation. When the unit was attacked by enemy aircraft he fought his command expertly, displaying outstanding leadership and courage, minimizing his own damage and inflicting heavy loss on the enemy. He led succeeding echelons in resupply without loss of a single ship in his task unit.

PFEIFFER, Arthur
Lieut. USCG

For heroic conduct as boarding officer of the USCGC CAMPBELL following the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel on February 22, 1943. After it had been established that part of the hostile crew was still aboard the sinking ship Lieut. Pfeiffer, despite intense darkness and a treacherous sea, set out in a small craft and navigated the intervening span by compass and sound. Arriving safely at the submarine he displayed keen judgment and exceptional skill in preventing the loss of his boat and boarding party and, as a result of his courageous initiative was successful in capturing five survivors of the sinking ship.

POLLARD, Francis C.
Lieut. Commander
USCG (Ret.)
163 Main Street
Fairhaven
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as commanding officer of the USCGC NORTHLAND during the rescue of three members of the Royal Canadian Air Force from the Greenland Ice Cap on November 23, 1942. Upon receiving the message that an A-20 bomber with three crew members was marooned on the Ice Cap Lieut. Commander Pollard immediately proceeded to the position given and for four days, through heavy fog and snow storms, stood off and on position. Finally, when the fog lifted and the latitude could be determined by sunlight, he maneuvered his ship through dangerous ice and with the aid of a volunteer crew from the ship directed the perilous operations which resulted in the rescue of the stranded men, who might otherwise have perished.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

POLLARD (Cont'd)
Legion of Merit

For meritorious achievement as commanding officer of the USCGC NORTHLAND in attacking and probably destroying an enemy submarine in the North Atlantic, 18 June, 1942. Although handicapped by inadequate equipment and a limited number of depth charges, the NORTHLAND made two depth charge attacks which resulted in large air and oil bubbles in the area of the attack. No further contact could be made following the second attack though the area was vigorously searched by both surface and aircraft. The accuracy of the attacks resulted in severe damage and probable destruction of the enemy as verified by the persistent oil slick and air bubbles that continued to rise from the scene of the attack as late as ten hours after the initial depth charging.

STELMASCZYK, Benjamin
Radio Electricians Mate
USCG
82 Weatland St.
Somerville
Legion of Merit

For outstanding service while serving aboard the USCGC CAMPBELL when that ship succeeded in sinking an enemy submarine, February 22, 1943. After radar equipment had been damaged by depth-charge action Radio Electrician Stelmasczyk effected repairs and established contact which resulted in the eventual destruction of the enemy. Although subsequent failure of the ship's power rendered radio equipment inoperative, he not only succeeded in clearing a dispatch informing the Task Unit Commander of the CAMPBELL'S condition but also maintained continuous watch on several frequencies while the cutter was being towed 800 miles to port.

SMITH, Edward H.,
Read Admiral, USCG
5 Wildwood Street
Winchester
Distinguished Service
Medal

For exceptionally meritorious service as Commander of the Greenland Patrol and lateras commander of a task force in the Atlantic Fleet from December, 1941 to November 1944. During the critical years organized and administered the naval bases and stations in Greenland and in the Arctic for the support of the Army in those areas and the Naval control of the North Atlantic. Under extremely difficult conditions the forces of his command successfully operated patrols and escorts, maintained a system of weather stations and provided full logistic and tactical support of the Army. As commander of a task force he directed vital weather, patrol and escort services which were of inestimable assistance in connection with the ferrying of aircraft and the operation of transport planes to and from the European theaters of war and effectively protected valuable convoys.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

SMITH, Edwin E.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
10 Day Avenue
Westfield
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of the USCGC 83361 in rescuing survivors of the invasion off the coast of France in June, 1944. During the initial assault on 6 June, 1944, the cutter stood by a sinking landing craft tank and escort her into the beach in order to be available for rescue work should the craft founder before beaching. Despite continuous enemy machine gun fire from the beach, she completed her mission. On June 21, 1944, the cutter rescue eight survivors from a British ammunition barge and six men from a British diesel barge, both of which were sinking. These rescues were effected during the height of a storm of gale capacity.

SWEENEY, William F.
G.M.3c, USCG
19 Ipswich Street
Seckonk
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of the USCGC 16 during rescue operations off the coast of France, when PC 1261 was hit by enemy shellfire and many of crew thrown into the water, he volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue survivors, despite intense enemy fire. Through his gallant action loss of life from PC 1261 was kept at a minimum.

THOMAS, Horace Leslie
Chief Electrician's
Mate, USCGR
8 Bailey St.
Dorchester
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal
(Posthumous)

For heroic conduct while rescuing an exhausted officer from drowning on April 7, 1944. When a motor whale boat attached to the USS HOWARD D. CROW capsized during hoisting operations, throwing her crew into the sea, Thomas promptly lowered himself into the treacherous waters and secured a line to the drowning man. Thomas enabled the crew to haul his helpless shipmate aboard, although he himself drowned while attempting to return to the vessel.

THOMPSON, Edward C. Jr.
Lt. Comdr., USCG
91 Whitfield St.
Dorchester
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry as captain of the USS PC 545 in action against enemy forces during the assault on the Island of Sicily. Accurately locating the strategic beaches assigned for landing operations, Lt. Comdr. Thompson, although forced to maintain fire silence in order to support a surprise attack, tenaciously held his hazardous anchorage three thousand yards offshore and continued to provide vital signals to direct the landing craft, despite constant exposure to hostile searchlights and imminent danger of enemy fire.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

THOMPSON, Edward C. Jr.
(Continued)

For meritorious conduct during Navy operations in support of the Army in the latter phase of the campaign in Sicily. As commanding officer of a patrol craft, he rendered outstanding service in escorting, under enemy fire, a group of landing craft engaged in ferrying equipment. On the night of August 8 he employed his ship as a screening vessel for a group of landing craft which were making an amphibious landing behind enemy lines. His courage and seamanship contributed to the success of the Army.

TUCKER, Frank Allan
Cox., USCGR
1 Prospect Street
Taunton
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as coxswain of a landing boat in connection with operations at Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands; Guam, Peleiu Island, Palau; and Leyte Island, Philippine Islands from 31 January to 20 October 1944. All of these operations were carried out against strong enemy opposition and often in the face of enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire. During the Leyte assault when his boat was hit by shell fire he assisted in evacuating all personnel from his boat, calmly and efficiently, to a rescue boat, under continuous enemy fire, and applied first aid to army personnel who had been stunned and wounded by the explosion.

VANDERSCOFF, Charles R.
E.M. 2c, USCGR
407 St. James Ave.
Springfield
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct in rescuing a boy from the rapids of the Machias River, Machias, Maine, on May 5, 1944. When a young boy jumped into the rapids from his small raft as it broke from the river bank and headed toward the falls, Vanderscoff without delaying to remove his clothing and heavy boots, unhesitatingly plunged into the water and swam to the struggling child and succeeded in bringing him to shore.

WIGGIN, Philip Munroe
Cox., USCGR
129 Melrose Ave.
Needham
Bronze Star

For heroic service in the assault on Saipan Island beginning 15 June, 1944. As coxswain of a boat, he brought his boat repeatedly into heavy enemy mortar, artillery and sniper fire in carrying out the boat's duties. During the initial assault and for six days following, he remained in his boat and by his extraordinary devotion to duty was a constant inspiration to the members of his crew.

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued)

WOOD, Bernard B.,
Ensign, USCG
37 Faywood Avenue
East Boston
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of the USCGC 83300 in rescuing survivors of the invasion off the coast of France on 6 June, 1944. During the day 47 lives were saved through the efforts of this ship, including personnel of the U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, and Royal Navy. The rescues were effected within 2,000 yards of the beach in a bitterly cold and heavy sea. Enemy fire was continuous. Despite the additional hazards created by the presence of assault craft, every man surviving was picked up except four who disappeared below the surface before the craft could be maneuvered into position to save them. In each case of a wounded survivor, members of the crew went over the side into the sea to the water to the cutter.

MICHIGAN

BARNARD, Philip E.
C.B.M. USCG
390 West Clay Ave.
Muskegan
Legion of Merit

For outstanding service while attached to the USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN during the amphibious assault at Salerno, Italy, on September 9, 1943. In the face of intense, accurate enemy gunfire Barnard skillfully maneuvered his heavy landing craft to a successful landing on the correct beach and unloaded the assault troops and vehicles. Although his boat was badly damaged and three crew members seriously wounded as he withdrew from the beach, he steadfastly maintained control of the craft, transferred two of the wounded to a nearby patrol boat, and, with dauntless courage, guided the crippled boat over eight miles of mined waters for a period of six hours and returned it to the DICKMAN.

DANNISON, Byron G.
C.B.M., USCG
205 Michigan Avenue
South Haven
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action while serving as coxswain of a heavy landing craft during the amphibious assault in the Bay of Salerno, Italy, on September 9, 1943. Skillfully maneuvering his boat in the face of intense enemy gunfire, Dannison successfully landed troops and heavy vehicles and, although frequently subjected to hostile aerial strafing attacks, worked tirelessly and with outstanding efficiency in salvaging damaged and broached boats on the beach throughout the remainder of the operations.

LYSAGHT, Marshall
C.B.M., USCG
303 Martin St.
Bay City
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ATAK in effecting the rescue of personnel from the wrecked trawler TERRA NOVA on September 13, 1943. Upon learning that 20 members of the trawler's crew remained on board the sinking vessel, Lysaght volunteered as coxswain of the lifeboat assigned the rescue operations and skillfully made four trips between the two vessels. Working without relief for four hours and loading his small boat to capacity on each run, he succeeded in transferring all survivors from the trawler to his ship.

MICHIGAN (Continued)

MILLER, Harold C.
B.M.2c, USCG
1506 Alter Rd
Detroit
Silver Star

For gallantry in action as coxswain of boat No. 3 of the USS McKEAN on August 7, 1942, during the landing on Tulagi Island, which boat with seven others constituted the first assault wave. He landed his embarked troops and then made repeated trips during that day and on the 8th and 9th inspite of heavy enemy fire, to effect the landing of equipment, ammunition and supplies. On September 8, 1942, he made a landing against a Japanese force at Taivu Point, Guadalcanal Island, thereby contributing to the successful operations in which the enemy were defeated.

PETERSON, Carl Uno
Lt. Comdr. USCG
520 Lafayette St.
Grand Haven
Legion of Merit
(Posthumously)

For outstanding services as commanding officer of the USCGC ESCANABA while that vessel was engaged in rescue operations in behalf of an American transport which was torpedoed and sunk on February 3, 1943. Proceeding through heavy seas in total darkness, Lt. Comdr. Peterson, under imminent threat of enemy attack, took immediate action which involved great skill with the result that 133 men were rescued from the sea.

SAGAS, Robert
Sea 1c, USCGR
2724 Richton St.
Detroit
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism on January 26, 1944, which attached to USS LST 16, during the amphibious invasion at Anzio, Italy. During a full gale with extremely heavy seas, Robert Sagas volunteered as a member of a boat crew to go to the side of the burning HMS LST 422 in an effort to rescue personnel trapped below decks. Without hesitation, he assisted in taking the small boat through a heavily mined area alongside the blazing ship. Despite the fact that the HMS LST 422 was pitching and rolling in a dangerous manner and ammunition was exploding, he aided in effecting the rescue of a soldier trapped in a lower compartment of the ship, by removing him through a hole in the side of the LST and bring him safely to the USS LST 16.

SPARLING, William A.
B.M. 2c, USCG
351 Carrie St.,
Sault Ste. Marie
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry as coxswain of boat No. 2 of the USS McKEAN during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi Island, August 7, 1942. Forming part of the initial assault wave, Sparling landed his embarked troops, then made three return trips in the face of terrific enemy fire to land equipment, ammunition and supplies. On September 8 he effected a successful landing against a Japanese force at Taivu Point on Guadalcanal Island. His proficient leadership and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service.

MICHIGAN (Continued)

STETKAR, Emil
B.M. 1c, USCG
6363 Brace St.
Detroit
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while attached to a USCG cutter during the rescue of a shipmate in the strait between Kodiak and Afognak Islands, Alaska, on October 30, 1944. Engaged in replacing a canvas cover on a motor whale-boat when a comrade fell overboard into the icy waters, Stetkar promptly threw him a line and a life buoy, and, observing the shocked man's inability to help himself in the swift current, unhesitatingly went over the side although severely handicapped by heavy, foul-weather clothing. Pushing the lifeline along as he swam, he reached the side of the unconscious man and, bravely exerting every effort to hold his helpless companion's head above the water despite his own numbed condition, succeeded in supporting him until the arrival of a rescue boat.

STUINEN, Wesley M.
B.M. 2c, USCG
412 East Harrie
Newberry
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of the USCGC 16 during rescue operations off the coast of France, June, 1944. Sutinen, when PC 1261 was hit by enemy shell-fire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue some of the survivors in the water. He did this, knowing the personal jeopardy from the sea and the enemy shot which were falling with great intensity. Through his gallant action the loss of life from PC 1261 was kept at a minimum.

VYN, Arend, Jr.
Lt. (jg) USCGR
504 Sheldon Road
Grand Haven
Silver Star

For gallantry in action as commanding officer of USS LCI 91 in the assault on the coast of France June 6, 1944. Lt. (jg) Vyn beached his ship and discharged the Army elements therein in the face of murderous fire and a labyrinth of obstacles and mines. In spite of the fact that his ship was mined and repeatedly struck by artillery fire and small-arm fire, he continued to land the army load in the face of certain loss of his ship. His determination to put the Army ashore was in keeping with the highest traditions of the offensive spirit of the United States Naval Service.

MISSISSIPPI

LEE, James,
Sea. 1c., USCG
Route 1, Lumberton
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism on 20 April, 1944, while serving on board the USS MENGES off the Algerian coast. When a U. S. destroyer on convoy escort duty was attacked and sunk by enemy bombing planes, the USS MENGES proceeded to the rescue of survivors. Lee, while the ship was picking up survivors, voluntarily, at great personal risk, repeatedly went over the side into the oil covered water in order to more effectively aid the wounded and shocked survivors of the stricken ship, who otherwise would have been unable to save themselves. His tireless work contributed materially to the saving of many men who might otherwise have been lost.

MISSISSIPPI (Continued)

SMITH, Wilbur Reece
Ensign, USCGR
311 Williams Ave.
Picayune
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a Destroyer Escort during the rescue of survivors of the sunk USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic area on the night of March 9, 1944. Courageously volunteering to assist in the rescue activities, Ensign Smith, although fully aware that his own ship might be forced to leave the area to avoid hostile torpedoes or to attack enemy submarines operating in the vicinity, unhesitatingly went over the side into the icy, oil-covered waters and working tirelessly and with utter disregard for personal safety, secured life lines around the exhausted survivors until he himself was completely exhausted and unable to continue his battle against the rough seas. Ensign Smith's initiative and unselfish efforts on behalf of his comrades were contributing factors in the saving of many lives.

MISSOURI

GORDON, William Hyatt
Surgeon, USPHS
Marshfield
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as senior medical officer of the USS CALLAWAY during operations against Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, in January and February, and against Saipan, Mariannas Islands, in June 1944. Exercising keen foresight and sound application of superior professional knowledge, Dr. Gordon planned, organized and skillfully supervised the ship's medical department and, by his thorough and effective training of his pharmacist's mates and hospital apprentice teams, was largely responsible for the expeditious and efficient handling of numerous casualties evacuated to his ship during subsequent vital operations. Dr. Gordon's tireless efforts and steadfast devotion throughout these highly important periods were of invaluable assistance to the United States Naval Service.

HARDIN, Truman
Lt. (jg) USCGR
706 South Hampton
Springfield
Bronze Star

For heroic achievement as assistant boat group commander of the boats of a transport in operations against the enemy at Saipan Island on 15 June, 1944 and for several days thereafter. Knowing that the pass through the barrier reef off Charon-Kanoa, the only pass through the reef at this point, would be kept under heavy fire while the enemy was capable of delivering fire, he directed his transport division of landing craft loaded with tanks through this pass many times during the first five hours of the assault. By his courage, skill and determination, he was largely instrumental in delivering tanks to the troops ashore. This task was performed in the face of heavy mortar, artillery and sniper fire.

MISSOURI (Continued)

HEIMER, Roger C.
Captain, USCG
5123 Westminster Place
Legion of Merit

For outstanding services as commanding officer of the USS SAMUEL CHASE during the amphibious assault on Sicily, July 10-12, 1945. Surmounting numerous obstacles Captain Heimer, despite subjection to persistent and accurate raids by hostile planes, enabled his ship to disembark assault troops and unload vehicles and equipment on the assigned beach. Through his outstanding skill, expert supervision of the men under his command, and unwavering attention to a vital and difficult task, Captain Heimer contributed materially to the success of our forces in the Sicilian invasion.

Gold Star in lieu of
the second Legion of
Merit

For services as commanding officer of the USS SAMUEL CHASE during the amphibious assault on Italy. Under Captain Heimer's skillful and judicious direction in the thorough training and planning for the combat performance of the SAMUEL CHASE, the operation was conducted expeditiously and with timely effectiveness which enabled the embarked troops and equipment to be landed promptly on the heavily defended beaches. He fought his ship gallantly during repeated enemy bombing attacks and, after successfully completing his mission, retired from the combat area without serious casualty to his command.

SMART, Ned E.
Sea lc, USCGR
Gideon
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement at sea December 5-6, 1944, while serving aboard a U. S. Army large tug en route to the Philippines. His craft went to the rescue of another ship which had been torpedoed by enemy action and saved 277 survivors from the abandoned ship.

NEBRASKA

BANKS, George I.
S.C. 2c, USCG
Auburn
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a crew member of the USCGC 16 during rescue operations off the coast of France, June, 1944. When PC 1261 was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, Banks volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue some of the survivors in the water. He did this knowing the personal jeopardy from the sea and heavy enemy fire. Through his gallant action the loss of life from PC 1261 was kept at a minimum.

DOAK, Gaylen E.
Fireman lc USCG
Tecumseh
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving aboard the USS MENGES on 3 May, 1944, when the ship was torpedoed by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean Sea. Several men were trapped in severely damaged compartments in the after part of the ship. Doak with great courage entered the damaged compartment and although further explosion was imminent he assisted in removing two badly wounded men to safety, thereby probably saving their lives.

NEBRASKA (Continued)

PRICHARD, George W.
Cox., USCG
Loup City
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as coxswain of a power boat during rescue operations when a U. S. warship stranded. With mountainous seas breaking heavily on board the sinking warship and on the adjacent rocks, Prichard skillfully maneuvered his boat into extremely perilous positions, many times narrowly escaping certain destruction, and personally rescued approximately fifteen of his shipmates.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

HARWOOD, Charles W.
Captain, USCG
Old South Road
Portsmouth
Legion of Merit

For outstanding services as commander of a Naval Task Group during the amphibious assault on the Island of Sicily. In addition to his duty as commanding officer of the USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN, Captain Harwood commanded the Naval Task Group which landed battalions directly on the beaches fronting Gela, Sicily. By his sound judgment in planning, thorough indoctrination of his forces, and by his cool and skillful leadership under fire the assault battalions were expeditiously landed and supported, thereby greatly contributing to the success of the invasion.

NEW JERSEY

BACKER, Arthur E.
B.M. 1c, USCG
19 Essex Ave.,
Maplewood
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For courageous conduct in effecting the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed SS DORCHESTER on 3 February, 1943. When the benumbed survivors were unable, because of heavy seas and freezing wind, to make any effort to climb on board the rescuing ship, Backer volunteered for the dangerous task of going over the side and working in the rough, freezing water in order to assist the exhausted and helpless survivors in reaching the safety of the USCGC COMANCHE. In spite of the strong sub-freezing wind and the rough, near freezing sea, he disregarded all discomforts and danger and worked with complete disregard of his own safety until he and fellow volunteers had rescued a total of 93 survivors from certain death in the steadily mounting seas.

BENDER, John L. Lieut.
USCGR
2 Chambers Terrace
Princeton
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance of duty as Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer of a U. S. DE. The anti-submarine attack team of the DE, organized and trained by Lieut. John L. Bender, and performing completely under his supervision, delivered an extremely accurate initial depth charge attack in April 1944, which straddled, severely damaged, and forced the U-Boat to the surface. During the approach for the attack, Lieut. Bender, as the sound recorder operator, correctly interpreted the enemy's maneuvers, kept the coming officer accurately informed and perfectly determined the correct time of

NEW JERSEY (continued)

BENDER, John L. Lieut.
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depth charge release. The ensuing attack was carried out most efficiently in spite of a casualty at the depth charge rack which was correctly remedied in the instinctive action of the men at the station who had been specifically trained by Lieut. Bender during practice attacks as to the proper manner of overcoming the particular casualty with which they were faced.

BETZ, George E.
Sea lc., USCGR
2 New Street
Sea Bright, N.J.
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as coxswain of LCVP No. 4 while that craft was participating in the assault on France, June 6, 1944. Betz upon retracting saw an L.C.A. to the eastward, driven from the beach by gunfire and sunk. Immediately he proceeded to this point which was within range of the enemy batteries and succeeded in saving the lives of most of the troops and British crew members of the L.C.A.

CLARK, Paul Leaman
Fireman lc, USCG
45 Stillman Avenue
Jersey City
Navy Cross

For extraordinary heroism while serving as engineer of a landing boat attached to the USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN during the assault on and occupation of French Morocco from November 8 to 11, 1942. When a hostile plane strafed his boat with machinegun fire, mortally wounding the bow man and severely injuring the coxswain, Clark with quick initiative immediately withdrew from the beach. Speeding toward the USS PALMER, he placed the wounded men aboard and, although his craft was riddled by enemy bullets, courageously returned to his station at the beach.

FRIEL, John J. Jr.
Ensign USCGR
202 North Broad St.
Manasquan
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For outstanding heroism while attached to an USS LST on 21 May, 1944, Westloch, Pearl Harbor, T. H., following an explosion. Returning from shore in a small boat, he proceeded to his ship amid falling debris and rescued a number of men trapped on one of the propellor guards, then continued to rescue others from the waters of the harbor. Without regard to danger or physical hardship, he persisted in his efforts to save lives and property.

GOLENIECKI, John V.
BMLc, USCG
611 Pine Street
Trenton
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct while attached to a U.S. transport during the assault on and occupation of French Morocco, November 8-11, 1942. When the members of his support boat, landing northeast of Fedala, were attacked by hostile planes and ground forces, consequently being cut off from the other landing groups. Goleniecki volunteered to man a rubber boat in order to contact our forces and obtain assistance. With the aid of a shipmate, he effected a daring escape, despite difficult conditions and hostile fire, and reaching his objective the same evening, furnished the Attack Force Commander with the first information of the beleaguered group.

NEW JERSEY (continued)

ING, Edwin Bruce
Lieut. Commander, USCG
159 Springfield Road
Elizabeth
Air Medal

For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as pilot of an amphibious plane attached to the Air Patrol Detachment, Traverse City, Michigan, and later serving with the Coast Guard Air Station, Brooklyn, N. Y. Disregarding adverse weather conditions, darkness and other hazards, he made numerous flights, on one occasion flying a total distance of 700 miles to search for a boatload of survivors from the SS MAIDEN CREEK, sunk on December 31, 1942. Upon sighting the craft, he immediately dropped shipwreck kits and emergency rations, subsequently directing a merchant vessel to the scene where expeditious rescue operations were effected.

LAWRENCE, William G.
C.B.M., USCGR
80 Batten Road
Fair Haven
Silver Star

For gallantry in action while attached to the USS SAMUEL CHASE during the amphibious invasion of the Island of Sicily on July 10, 1943, and of the Italian mainland on September 9, 1943. Operating a specially fitted landing boat which had been converted for salvage and rescue work, Lawrence, in the face of constant enemy aerial attack and intense artillery fire, effected the salvage of approximately one hundred beached and stranded craft immediately after the initial assault near Gela, Sicily. Later, under similar perilous conditions, he returned to service a large number of disabled craft after the assaults on the beaches in the Gulf of Salerno. His valuable services contributed materially to the effective support of the invasion forces during two major amphibious operations.

LeGATES, Walter L.
Chief Water Tender, USCG
RFD 1, Cape May
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry while serving aboard the USCGC CAMPBELL during and following the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel. When the engine room flooded and the main engines failed as result of the attack upon the hostile ship, LeGates, laboring throughout the night with neither sleep nor rest, rendered invaluable assistance to the Assistant Damage Control Officer. His courageous perseverance contributed greatly to the final salvaging of the damaged vessel and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

LEWANDOWSKI, Edward
Paul, Radarman 3c
USCGR
149 Prospect Ave.
Bayonne
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USS RICKETTS during rescue operations following a collision between the SS EL COSTON and the SS MURFREESBORO in the Atlantic Area on the night of February 25-26, 1944. When the crewmembers of both severely damaged vessels were forced by raging gasoline fires to abandon ship Lewandowski voluntarily went over the side of his heavily rolling rescue ship and, despite the rough seas and burning gasoline which covered a large part of the water, worked tirelessly and with utter disregard of his own safety to aid the exhausted survivors in reaching and climbing the nets rigged along the sides of the rescue vessel.

NEW JERSEY (Continued)

McMANUS, Edward
Joseph, Radioman 3c
USCGR
22 South Virginia Ave.
Atlantic City
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USS RICKETTS during rescue operations following a collision between the SS EL COSTON and the SS MURFREESBORO in the Atlantic Area on the night of February 25-26, 1944. When the crew members of both severely damaged vessels were forced by raging gasoline fires to abandon ship McManus voluntarily went over the side of his heavily rolling rescue ship and, despite the rough seas and burning gasoline which covered a large part of the water, worked tirelessly and with utter disregard of his own safety to aid the exhausted survivors in reaching and climbing the nets rigged along the sides of the rescue vessel.

PALMER, Walter L.
Sea 1c, USCGR
515 E. Elizabeth Ave.
Linden
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action on January 26, 1944, while attached to the USS LST 16 during the amphibious invasion at Anzio, Italy. During a full gale with extreme heavy seas, Walter L. Palmer volunteered as a member of a boat crew that went to the rescue of personnel trapped below decks of the blazing HMS LST 422. His expert seamanship brought the craft through a heavily mined area and despite the fact that the HMS LST 422 was pitching and rolling in a dangerous manner and ammunition was constantly exploding he succeeded in bringing his craft alongside and effecting the rescue of a soldier trapped in a lower compartment of the ship without means of escape, by removing him through a hole in the side of the ship and bringing him safely to the USS LST 16.

PEER, Richard S.
Ensign USCG
253 South Irving St.
Ridgewood
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance of duty as commanding officer of USCGC No. 8 during operations off the coast of France 9 June, 1944. Ensign Peer skillfully maneuvered his vessel to assist the British Merchant Vessel FORT PICK, which was hit by a bomb and burning amidships. The cool and determined manner in which he encouraged the troops and casualties aboard the FORT PICK and the great courage he displayed in a situation fraught with danger were in keeping with the best traditions of the U. S. Naval Service.

PETRENKI, John Jr.
Chief Momm USCGR
542 Leo Street
Hillside
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ATAK in effecting the rescue of personnel from the wrecked trawler TERRA NORVA on September 13, 1944. Upon being informed that 20 members of the trawler's crew were on board the sinking vessel, Petrenko volunteered for duty as part of the crew of a lifeboat assigned the rescue operations and despite heavy seas and high winds remained at his oar for four hours until survivors had been transferred from the trawler to his ship.

NEW JERSEY (continued)

SALMON, Robert M. Lieut. For gallantry as commanding officer of a U.S. LCI (L) while landing assault troops in Normandy, France, June 6 1944. He pressed the landing of troops despite the mining of his vessel, a serious fire forward and heavy enemy gunfire. He supervised the unloading of troops, directed the fire fighting despite the loss of proper equipment and exhibiting courage of a high degree remained with the ship until it was impossible to control the progress of the fire and it was necessary to abandon ship over the stern. After abandoning he directed a party searching for fire fighting equipment and subsequently fought the fire on another LCI (L) and assisted her commanding officer until she was abandoned.

SMITH, James P. Lieut (jg) USCGR. Church Street Blackwood Bronze Star Medal For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy as commanding officer of the USCGC 83321 during the initial assault on the coast of France on 6 June, 1944. Approximately thirty minutes after zero hour he observed two amphibious craft endeavoring to land three-inch field guns on the beach head were experiencing difficulty. Despite hazardous navigation and continual enemy action he took the craft in tow and succeeded in getting them to shallow water, ensuring the landing of their cargo. Later in the day, he rescued all seven members of a sinking amphibious craft which had been half swamped when taken in tow. Seventeen other survivors of the operation were rescued by his cutter during the ensuing hours.

SMITH, Richard Robert Lieut. Commander, USCG 60 Spruce Street Cranford Navy & Marine Corps Medal For heroic conduct while supervising the rescue of personnel from a U. S. warship when that vessel stranded. While mountainous seas beat heavily against the stricken ship and crashed on the adjacent rocks, he fearlessly set out in a power boat for the warship. Maneuvering his craft through treacherous waters, he made repeated trips to the stranded ship and succeeded in rescuing about 45 men, while the other boats under his daring command saved an additional 155 who might otherwise have perished.

WALDRON, John A. Lieut. (jg) USCGR 237 Spring Street Trenton Bronze Star For meritorious achievement as officer in charge of a volunteer fire-fighting and salvage party from a destroyer escort of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet. Lieut. (jg) Waldron volunteered to lead a rescue party which boarded an abandoned and burning merchant ship. Knowing that the crippled ship was in danger of further enemy torpedo attacks and the compartment forward of the blazing hold contained a sizable amount of ammunition, he remained on board and directed fire fighting operations. Through the effective action taken by him the fire was brought under control and ultimately extinguished. The ship was towed to port and salvaged.

NEW YORK

ANDERSON, Robert W.
Ensign, USCGR
291 East 8th St.,
Brooklyn
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For courageous conduct in effecting the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed SS DORCHESTER on 3 February 1943. When the benumbed survivors of the SS DORCHESTER were unable because of heavy seas and freezing wind to make any effort to climb on board the rescuing ship, Ensign Anderson volunteered for the dangerous task of going over the side and working in the rough and freezing water in order to assist the exhausted and helpless survivors in reaching the safety of the USCGC COMANCHE. He worked with complete disregard of his own safety until he and fellow workmen had rescued a total of 93 survivors from certain death in the steadily mounting seas.

ARRIGHI, Richard A.
Ensign, USCGR
80 Parkside Drive
Point Lookout
Long Island
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal
(Posthumously)

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ESCANABA during the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed USAT DORCHESTER in North Atlantic waters on February 3, 1943. Despite the menace of possible enemy submarine action, Ensign Arrighi risked his life in the black and icy waters of the Atlantic to aid in the rescue of unconscious and helpless survivors. Fully aware of the danger of being crushed by the force of the heavy sea, he swam to the aid of a comrade who had fallen between a life boat and the ship. Ensign Arrighi's gallant and voluntary action in subjecting himself to pounding seas and bitter cold for nearly four hours, despite a leaking rubber suit, contributed to the rescue of 145 persons.

BARRETT, John A.
Sea 2c, USCGR
1024 Second Street
Rensselaer
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For outstanding devotion to duty while serving aboard the USCGC CALYPSO during the rescue of survivors from the USS PLYMOUTH on August 5, 1943. Volunteering to man a small boat to be launched from the deck of his ship, Barrett, with several comrades, unhesitatingly went to the rescue of survivors floating helplessly downwind in the turbulent seas. Although the small craft was half swamped in launching by heavy rolling of his vessel, he worked tirelessly to keep the boat from being smashed or flooded, finally got under way successfully and assisted in picking up several survivors from the shark-infested waters. His unswerving determination aided materially in the rescue of many who otherwise might have been lost.

BENNETT, David E.
Sea 1c, USCGR
Fort Montgomery
Bronze Star Medal

For heroic service as a member of an assault transport beach party in connection with operations against the enemy at Leyte Island, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. While Bennett was on a beach which was taken being subjected to a heavy enemy mortar attack, a landing ship was struck by an enemy projectile, and several of its personnel were blown into the water. Disregarding his personal safety, Bennett swam out, under fire, and rescued two of the men who were struggling in the water. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service.

NEW YORK (continued)

BENSON, Clifford Leonard For heroic service as boat group commander of the boats of a transport in operations against the enemy at Saipan Island on 15 June 1944, and for several days thereafter. As a result of his efforts and those of another boat officer six medium tanks were landed immediately after the assault troops had landed. This landing was accomplished under heavy enemy mortar artillery and sniper fire. He reconnoitered the lagoon of Charon-Kanoa, on 15 June, 1944. During this time the boat in which he was embarked was under heavy mortar, sniper and artillery fire. As a result of this reconnaissance a U. S. Army reserve regiment was led by him through this pass during darkness the night of 15 June, 1944, without loss from navigational mishap or from enemy fire.

BILLOS, Harry P.
Electrician's Mate 2c
USCG
44 E. 98th St.
New York
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct in effecting the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed SS DORCHESTER on 3 February, 1943. When the benumbed survivors of the SS DORCHESTER were unable, because of heavy seas and freezing wind, to make any efforts to climb on board the rescuing ship, he volunteered for the dangerous task of going over the side and working in the rough, freezing water in order to assist the exhausted and helpless survivors in reaching the safety of the COMANCHE. In spite of the strong sub-freezing wind and the rough, near freezing sea, he disregarded all discomforts and danger and worked with complete disregard of his own safety until he and fellow volunteers had rescued a total of 93 survivors from certain death in the steadily mounting seas.

BURKE, Rayner C.
Chief Quartermaster
USCG
100-09 75th Ave.
Forest Hills
Silver Star Medal

For conspicuous gallantry while serving aboard the USCGC CAMPBELL during the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel. When his commanding officer was wounded during the course of the action, Burke immediately took charge of a searchlight which the injured man had been compelled to abandon. Directing its beam on the hostile vessel, he provided effective target illumination for accurate gunfire which eventually sent the submarine to the bottom.

CARROZZA, Alfonso D.
Y 2c USCG
1991 Bronxdale Ave.
Bronx
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

Serving aboard the USCGC ALGONQUIN in Atlantic waters, Carrozza climbed down the side of the ship and into a swamped lifeboat, secured a life line on one occupant and cleared a fouled life line which had been previously secured to another occupant, who were by this time in a state of collapse from exposure to freezing water and low temperature, thus saving at the risk of his own life the life of a survivor who otherwise might have perished.

CLARK, George C.
Lieut (jg) USCGR
9 Hilltop Road
Bronxville
British Distinguished
Service Cross

During the landing of Commandos at Quistreham by LCI (S) on 6 June, 1944, Lieut. Clark's cutter was detailed to act as escort to LCI(S) HM LCI(S) 524 on clearing the beach after landing troops received a direct hit and blew up in a sheet of flames leaving a mass of blazing Octane petrol on the water. Although his cutter burned Octane petrol, he did not hesitate to steer his craft into the flames and rescue the commanding officer and some of his men.

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CULLEN, John C.
BM2c, USCG
215-33 49th Ave
Bayside, Long Island
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct while on patrol at Long Island, New York, on the night of June 13, 1942. When several Nazi saboteurs bearing boxes of TNT and other destructive apparatus landed on the beach at Amagansett Cullen, unarmed and helpless against their menacing threat cleverly allayed their suspicions and thwarted their subversive intentions by promptly accepting a proffered bribe then sounding an alarm that led to their eventual capture. Subsequently volunteering as member of a searching party, he remained on the beach all night and after apprehension of the enemy agents, furnished vital and incriminating testimony before a special military commission conducting trial. His keen presence of mind and discerning judgment in a grave emergency undoubtedly prevented the successful culmination of hostile intrigue designed to sabotage our national war effort.

DAVID, Charles W., Jr.
St. M 1c USCG
1324 Prospect Ave.
Bronx
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct in effecting the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed SS DORCHESTER on 3 February, 1943. When the benumbed survivors were unable, because of heavy seas and freezing wind, to make any effort to climb on board the rescuing ship, David volunteered for the dangerous task of going over the side and working in the rough water to assist the exhausted survivors in reaching the safety of the USCGC COMANCHE. Disregarding all discomfort and danger to himself, he worked until he and fellow volunteers had rescued a total of 93 survivors from certain death in the steadily mounting sea.

DEXTER, Dwight Hodge
Commander, USCG
92 Ulster Street
Walden
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action against an armed enemy as commanding officer of the Naval Local Defense Force and Anti-Submarine Patrol, Guadalcanal-Gavutu. Lieut. Commander Dexter landed with the Marines on August 7, 1942, and established and administered the Naval Local Defense Force in these occupied Islands until November 5, 1942, on which date he was evacuated due to illness. During the three months while he was in command of this unit, he was subjected to almost daily aircraft bombing attack and, for many weeks, to an almost nightly naval bombardment. Throughout this entire period, his courage determination and zeal made it possible to maintain in operation a signal station and a boat operating organization which was essential to the successful unloading of many troops and many thousands of tons of supplies to the forces ashore. By his courage in the face of great hardship and danger, he set an example which was an inspiration to all who served with him.

DiLORENZO, Edmond
Sea 2c, USCGR
6531 Maple Ave.
Merchantville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct while attached to the USS PC 469 when two enlisted men were washed overboard in a heavy sea south of Guantanamo, Cuba, April 12, 1944. Undeterred by knowledge of sharks in the area, DiLorenzo risked his life to assist in the rescue. Accompanied by an officer he obtained life preservers and dived overboard, quickly

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swimming to the side of one man and calmly supporting him during an attack by a shark on the other victim only a few yards away. Although unable to inflate his own life preserver, he remained cool doing everything possible to encourage the frightened man clinging to him as he battled the heavy swells until the arrival of the ship's boat.

EDGE, R. R. Lieut.
USCGR
235 East 22nd St.
New York City
Bronze Star

For meritorious service in combat against the enemy. Lieut Edge was the commanding officer of the USS LST 202, which was engaged in the supply of Los Negros Island, on 9 March 1944. His ship was subjected to heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire from the shore. He skillfully maneuvered his ship and accurately strafed the beach by gun fire. By his courageous efforts he succeeded in silencing enemy shore positions and accomplished the mission assigned to him. Through his efforts no casualties nor material damages were suffered.

FULLER, Richard L.
Ensign USCG
Blind Brook Lodge
Apt. D-51 Rye
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while attached to the USCGC NORTHLAND in connection with the rescue of U. S. Army personnel stranded on the Greenland Ice Cap on November 11, 1942. When winter weather conditions forced withdrawal Fuller on 4 December 1942, volunteered to remain as officer-in-charge of a detail of four men to be left at the Beach Head Station. This party was to attempt to rescue nine U. S. Army officers and men stranded on the Ice Cap and to locate the wreckage of a Coast Guard plane which had crashed in the area. Under extreme weather conditions which exposed him to great danger and suffering, he pushed on over the Ice Cap to within six miles of the marooned men before being turned back by impossible crevasses.

GUNTHER, Alvin F.
Chief Machinist's
Mate, USCG
105 Pelhamdale Ave.
Pelham
Silver Star

For gallantry in action while attached to the USCGC CAMPBELL on February 22, 1943, when an enemy submarine was severely damaged and sunk, and during the ensuing period when the USCGC CAMPBELL, which was damaged in the engagement was towed safely into port. Handicapped by rapidly rising water and the arcing of electrical equipment being sprayed with salt water, Gunther descended to the engine room bilges to establish more accurately the size and location of the hole in the ship's side, and to investigate the possibility of reducing flooding. Afterwards his efficient assistance to the engineer officer of the watch helped minimize the damage to important machinery.

HARRISON, John P.
Cox. USCGR
Montrose
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For courageous conduct in effecting the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed SS DORCHESTER on 3 February, 1943. Because of heavy seas and freezing wind the benumbed survivors were unable to climb on board the rescuing ship. Harrison voluntarily went over the side and assisted the exhausted men to reach the safety of the USCGC COMANCHE. Disregarding all danger he worked until he and fellow volunteers had res-

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HARRISON, John P.
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cued a total of 93 survivors from certain death in the steadily mounting seas.

JENNINGS, Damon
Chief Machinist's Mate
JSCG
97 Nugent Ave.
Rosebank Staten Island
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry as engineering officer of the watch while serving aboard the USCGC CAMPBELL during and following the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel. When the engine room flooded as a result of the attack upon the hostile ship, Jennings in the face of rapidly rising water calmly directed engine room personnel in carrying out the orders of the engineer officer. By his sound judgment and timely initiative he helped prevent serious damage to vital machinery and contributed greatly to the final salvaging of the vessel.

KRAMM, Herman H.
P.M.3c USCGR
164 Elm Street
Albany
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC CALYPSO during the rescue of survivors from the USS PLYMOUTH on August 5, 1943. Volunteering to man a small boat to be launched from the deck of his ship, Kramm with several comrades went to the rescue of survivors floating helplessly downwind in the turbulent seas. Although the small craft was half swamped in launching by heavy rolling of his vessel, he worked tirelessly to keep the boat from being smashed or flooded, finally got under way successfully and assisted in picking up several survivors from the shark infested waters.

KURTA, Stanley B.
Lieut (jg) USCGR
3100 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct while attached to USS PC-469 when two enlisted men were washed overboard in a heavy sea south of Guantanamo, Cuba, April 12, 1944. Undeterred by knowledge of sharks in the area, he obtained life preservers and accompanied by a seaman dived overboard. Quickly swimming to the side of one man he did everything possible to calm him, turned him over to the seaman to be supported until picked up by the ship's boat. Proceeding to the other victim, about fifteen yards farther out, he courageously fought off an attacking shark, struggling to hold the wounded man in spite of his own waning strength and lacerations to his hand sustained in the unequal combat.

McCABE, F. M. Lieut.
Commander, USCG
156 77th Street
Brooklyn
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 April, 1944, while serving as commanding officer of a destroyer escort off the Algerian coast. When a U. S. destroyer on convoy escort duty was attacked and sunk by enemy planes, his ship proceeded to the rescue of survivors. He displayed great skill and exceptional seamanship in so maneuvering his ship that more than one hundred exhausted and injured survivors were saved. Later, when his ship was torpedoed in action with an enemy submarine, he so skillfully directed the operation of his ship that although seriously damaged it was saved and brought into port.

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McELLIOTT, Raymond T.
Captain, USCG
Apt. 5-B
630 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as commanding officer of a transport during two assault landing operations against enemy-held islands in the Pacific during January and June 1944. By his expert direction of training and operations of his ship and attached landing craft, he contributed largely to the success of the naval phase of the eminently successful attacks.

MARTIN, Henry, Jr.
Sea Ic, USCGR
25 Harold Court
New Rochelle
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USS RICKETTS during rescue operations following a collision between the SS EL COSTON and the SS MURFREESBORO in the Atlantic Area on the night of February 25-26, 1944. When the crew member of both severely damaged ships were forced by raging gasoline fires to abandon ship, Martin voluntarily went over the side of his heavily rolling rescue ship and, despite rough seas and burning gasoline which covered a large part of the water, worked tirelessly to aid the exhausted survivors in reaching and climbing the nets rigged along the sides of the rescue ship.

MEEBERG, Urho I.
Carpenter's Mate 2c
USCG
306 North Perry St.
Johnstown
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ATAK in effecting the rescue of personnel from the wrecked trawler TERRA NORVA on September 13, 1943. Upon being informed that twenty members of the trawler's crew were on board the sinking vessel, Meeberg volunteered for duty as part of the crew of a lifeboat assigned the rescue operations and, despite heavy seas and high winds, steadfastly remained at his oar for four hours until all survivors had been transferred from the trawler to his ship.

MICHELS, John H.
Lieut. USCGR
272 Hempstead Ave.
Rockville Center
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement while serving as executive officer of a U. S. Coast Guard cutter of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet during the summer and fall of 1943. While on an offensive mission against enemy installations known to be in the vicinity the cutter's rudder was severely damaged, and the ship immobilized by heavy pack ice. Faced with protracted isolation and the possible danger of the ship's being crushed by the increasing weight of ice, Lieut. Michels volunteered to enter the frigid water to effect temporary repairs to the rudder. In spite of heavy pans of ice which floated in the small open lead at the stern, he went over the side on an improvised raft and by working submerged in the 29° Fahrenheit water, succeeded in completing a jury rig which permitted the ship to proceed to a port in Iceland where permanent repairs were completed.

MITCHELL, William G.
SK Ic, USCGR
43-09 40th Street
Long Island City
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct while serving aboard a U. S. Coast Guard cutter in attempting the rescue of survivors of a sinking U. S. Army Transport. When a small boat containing thirty-two survivors of the sinking ship was so violently thrown about by the rough seas that three men were thrown over the side, Mitchell volunteered to go to the rescue of

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MITCHELL, William G.
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the helpless men. Disregarding a northerly gale, snow, extremely rough seas, and the near freezing temperature of the water, Mitchell, clad in a rubber suit, descended a cargo net and entered the water in an effort to retrieve one of the survivors. In spite of the extremely unfavorable conditions under which he worked, he continued his efforts to save the man until he was helpless as a result of the combined effects of the benumbing cold and the continuous battering of his body against the side of the ship by the heavy seas. In a semi-conscious condition he was hauled back aboard the cutter and forced to desist from his heroic efforts.

MURPHY, Daniel Francis
Jr., B.M.2c USCGR
121-16 Hillside Ave.
Richmond Hill
Bronze Star

For distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in action in the assault on Saipan Island on 15 June 1944. As the coxswain of a landing boat he entered, under heavy enemy mortar, artillery and sniper fire through the Charon-Kanoo Pass, his boat piloting landing craft loaded with tanks.

NIRSCHER, Fred W.
Lieut. Commander, USCGR
311 East 72nd Street
New York City
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry as member of a reconnaissance patrol transported to a Japanese held island in the Pacific Area during the latter part of December 1943. With no knowledge of enemy strength or the attitude of natives to the Allied Nations, and with limited means of escape, he went ashore in the face of certain danger, and, within a brief space of time secured information concerning the strength of Japanese forces and their equipment and had determined the most suitable beach for future landing as well as favorable sites for bomber and fighter strips. Discovered by the enemy and in danger of being captured by a hostile party possessing superior arms, he fought gallantly, assisting in ambushing and killing three Japanese, wounding one and putting the remainder to flight before struggling back through heavy surf to the rendezvous with friendly craft.

OLSON, Bjarne Olai
Radarman 3c, USCGR
99 Heberton Ave.
Port Richmond
Staten Island
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a destroyer escort during rescue of survivors of the sunk USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic Area on the night of March 9, 1944. Courageously volunteering to assist in the rescue activities, Olsen although fully aware that his own ship might be forced to leave the area to avoid hostile torpedoes or to attack enemy submarines operating in the vicinity unhesitatingly went over the side into the icy, oil-covered waters and, working tirelessly and with utter disregard for personal safety secured life lines around the exhausted survivors until he himself was completely exhausted and unable to continue his battle against rough seas.

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PATTYSON, Brewster G.
Ensign, USCGR
184 Wellington Ave.
Rochester
Bronze Star Medal

For meritorious service as commanding officer of the USCGC 83327 during the initial assault on the Coast of France 6 June, 1944. During the day fifteen men were rescued by his cutter from sinking ducks just off the beach. Later 34 more men were rescued under similar conditions, including personnel of the armed services of both the United States and Great Britain. Many of those rescued were wounded, requiring that members of the crew of the cutter give immediate first aid to the victims. Despite heavy surf and continuous enemy fire all missions were accomplished without damage to the cutter or injury to the personnel.

PFISTER, Arthur F.
Lieut. Commander, USCGR
8624 234th Street
Bellrose, Queens
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as officer in charge of the Fireboat Fleet, Port Security Command, Third Naval District, during fire-fighting operations aboard the SS EL ESTERO, loaded with a cargo of explosives in New York Harbor, New York, on April 24, 1943. Realizing the ever present danger of an explosion, he boarded the burning vessel and skillfully directed the activities of three Coast Guard fireboats which assisted in controlling and extinguishing the fire. By his calm and courageous leadership he inspired the personnel under his command and, working tirelessly for hours, contributed in large part to preventing an explosion which would have done incalculable damage to other vessels and vital installations in the harbor.

PILLARD, Arthur E.
C.B.M., USCG
368 Bay Street
Tompkinsville
Staten Island
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as senior deck petty officer aboard the USCGC CAMPBELL during and following the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel. When the cutter was severely damaged as a result of the attack upon the hostile ship, Pillard succeeded in covering the hull with a collision mat and crib. Although unable to keep the crib in place because of the high seas, he nevertheless by his timely initiative, set a courageous example which served to calm the members of the crew and sustain their morale through out the duration of the emergency.

POWERS, James A.
Sea 2c USCGR
107-16 86th St.
Ozone Park
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance of duty during amphibious operations on the Coast of Cotentin Peninsula, Baie de la Seine, France, June 6, 1944. Powers was a crew member aboard the LCM (3) PAL3-1, making the initial assault. While his craft was being unloaded at the beach it sustained two direct hits by enemy shell fire. One shell struck the gunshield just forward of Powers, wounding his face and hands. Despite these injuries, he willingly and efficiently carried out his duties refusing to leave his craft for medical aid until it was hoisted from the water.

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RILEY, Francis X.
Lieut. (jg) USCG
1838 Brown Street
Brooklyn
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance as commanding officer of a landing craft infantry (large), on salvage duties during the assault on the coast of France, June 6, 1944, and subsequently, he gave continuous aid to wrecked craft and made it possible for these craft to continue in the performance of their duties in the face of difficult sea conditions and enemy shellfire from the initial assault onward. On June 9, at 0235, Lieut. (jg) Riley secured two dumb barges, loaded with ammunition, that were loose and drifting onto St Marcouf Island, removing a danger to shipping and craft and making available to the Army much needed ammunition.

SCHEU, Robert S.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
566 West Ferry St.
Buffalo
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter 83447 off the coast of France on June 8 1944, and August 21, 1944. On the first date the cutter preceeded to the aid of the USS RICH, which had been mined approximately two miles from the French coast in a concentrated mine area. Upon arriving on the scene, the cutter moored alongside the stricken ship. Despite the fact that the vessel was sinking rapidly, all hands made every effort to assist in the rescue of the personnel aboard the destroyer escort. The cutter sighted HMS ORGHIS on August 21 in sinking condition in an assault area. She had apparently been mined, and her captain had beached her in an effort to keep her from sinking. Despite heavy seas, hazardous navigation and the shallowness of water, the commanding officer manuevered the rescuing craft alongside the stricken vessel and succeeded in transferring twelve survivors, four of whom were wounded, and the ship's papers and confidential matter to his ship.

SCHLESINGER, Rudolph T.
Chief Pharmacist's Mate
USCGR
153-15 89th Ave.
Jamaica
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct while serving on the USS NEWELL on 20 April, 1944, in the Mediterranean. Subsequent to an enemy air attack on an allied convoy the USS NEWELL was engaged in picking up one hundred and nineteen survivors of the USS LANSDALE. During and after this rescue operation, Schlesinger and pharmacist's mate aboard his ship administered all medical treatment without aid of a doctor. Several of the survivors were unconscious and had to be resuscitated several others had fractured limbs; others were stretcher cases; and all of them had been in oil polluted water for a period of one to four hours. In addition, Schlesinger organized the wardroom as a dressing station with such thoroughness that it was converted into a virtual hospital with great dispatch. By his able and expeditious treatment of survivors suffering from shock, immersion, and minor injuries. His efforts undoubtedly contributed to the saving of many lives.

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SEAMON, Max T.
Sea Ic, USCGR
Sherburne
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter 83428 in rescuing survivors off the coast of France on August 7, 1944. On this date the cutter proceeded to the scene of the sinking of HMS AMSTERDAM, a hospital ship. During the rescue operations Seamon went over the side with one of the pneumatic life rafts and began gathering the seriously wounded onto the raft, making them as comfortable as possible until such time as they could be taken aboard the ship. He remained in the water during the entire operation which lasted an hour and a half, and the saving of many lives can be attributed to his meritorious action.

SPENCER, Lyndon
Rear Admiral, USCG
49 Broad Street
Hamilton
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious service as commanding officer USS BAYFIELD, the flagship of Rear Admiral Don P. Moon, U. S. Navy, Commander Task Force 'U'. This Naval Assault Force successfully landed the VII Corps, U. S. Army, on the Cherbourg Peninsula of France against well prepared defenses and strong opposition during the period 6--24 June, 1944. As commanding officer of the Force flagship, Rear Admiral -- the Captain -- Spencer rendered every conceivable aid to his Commander and the Force, a great deal of which was beyond that to be normally expected.

STANLEY, John Theodore
Lieut. Commander USCG
411 Bement Avenue
Staten Island
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct while serving as munitions Officer, Port Security Command, Third Naval District, during fire fighting operations aboard the SS EL ESTERO loaded with a cargo of explosives, in New York Harbor, on April 24, 1943. Realizing the ever present danger of an explosion, Lieut. Commander Stanley boarded the burning vessel and for three hours heroically directed a large detail of men engaged in controlling and extinguishing the fire. By his calm and courageous leadership, he inspired the personnel under his command and skillfully coordinated their activities, thereby preventing an explosion which might have done incalculable damage to other vessels and vital installations in the harbor.

STEWART, Alexander H., Jr.
Commander, USCGR
Orienta Point Apts.
Mamaroneck
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of a U. S. Coast Guard Rescue Flotilla during the invasion of the Coast of France in June, 1944. He achieved and maintained a high state of efficiency in the operation of the units of his flotilla throughout the initial assault and build-up period immediately following the landing. All obstacles were surmounted despite limited time due to late arrival. His craft rescued fourteen hundred and thirty-eight survivors and accomplished in a prompt and efficient manner many missions as escorts, navigational leaders and dispatch boats. The contribution of this command to the success of the invasion was substantial.

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SUMMER, John Francis
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
2570 Briggs Ave.
Bronx
Bronze Star

For meritorious and courageous performance of highly responsible duties under fire as Boat Group Commander during assault landings at the beaches, in the Day of the Seine, France, on June 6, 1944, as well as for extremely valuable work in the planning of Task Group Operations prior to the assault.

SUTPHIN, Clarence H.
B.M.1c USCG
114 Cochran Place
Valley Stream
Bronze Star

For heroic achievement on June 15 and 16, 1944, in action with an enemy force during the invasion of Saipan Island. He swam with a line through heavy surf to a tank lighter stranded on a reef, and stayed aboard under mortar and artillery fire until its salvage. He aided materially in the salvage of another tank lighter on the beach under mortar fire. Also, while on the beach when a mortar shell struck in a group of eight Marines, killing five and seriously wounding three others, he gave the three wounded first aid and moved them to a first aid station; the beach at the time being under sniper and mortar fire. His courage and conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service.

SYNON, George D.
Lieut. Commander, USCG
Apt. 6-M
610 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as a commanding officer of a U. S. Coast Guard Cutter during action against an enemy German submarine off the coast of Florida. Proceeding immediately to the area where a hostile submarine had been located, he contacted it and attacked with depth charges, and continued his aggressive tactics until a continuing oil slick gave evidence of the probable destruction of the enemy vessel.

TEZANOS, Joseph
G.M. 2c, USCG
20 Modern Avenue
Lackawanna
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For distinguished heroism while serving as a volunteer member of a boat crew engaged in rescue operations during a fire in Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H., on 21 May, 1944. Under conditions of great personal danger from fire and explosions and with disregard of his own safety, he assisted in the rescuing of approximately 42 survivors, some of whom were injured and exhausted from the water and from burning ships.

VAN NOSTRAND, Leroy
Lieut. USCG
84 Ocean Avenue
Amityville, L. I.
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement on 20 April and 3 May, 1944 while serving on board the USS MENGES off the Algerian coast. When a U. S. destroyer on convoy escort duty was attacked and sunk by enemy bombing planes, the MENGES proceeded to the rescue of survivors. Lieut. Van Nostrand, executive officer, displayed commendable leadership and exceptional skill in directing the rescue of more than one hundred survivors and directing the treatment of those who were injured or suffering from shock and exposure. Later when the MENGES was torpedoed in action with an enemy submarine, he again distinguished himself in supervising the internal operations of the ship, and in the rescue of survivors, thus materially contributing not only to the saving

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VAN NOSTRAND, Leroy
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of the ship but also to the saving of many lives.

WARD, Thomas W.
C.B.M., USCG
Deferiet
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism and meritorious conduct in attempting to save his ship, which burned and exploded, and for saving a wounded Marine from further injury and death during a fire in Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H., on 21 May, 1944. Under conditions of great personal danger from falling debris, fire and concussion, he courageously directed his men and when there was no hope of saving the ship he voluntarily inspected below to see that all wounded men were out and then evacuated a badly wounded Marine, thus exposing himself and suffering a serious wound because of his action.

WHITE, Howard A.
Lieut. Commander, USCG
177 Northampton
Buffalo
Bronze Star.

For heroic achievement as commanding officer of IST 66 and subsequently as commander of an IST division in offense action against Japanese forces in the forward area of the Southwest Pacific. During the amphibious landing at Cape Gloucester on December 26, 1943, he skillfully directed gunfire of his ships which resulted in the destruction of three hostile aircraft and the effective rout of the Japanese force with a minimum of casualties or material damage to his own command. Displaying outstanding judgment and expert seamanship, he contributed to the success of an IST flotilla in carrying out subsequent assigned operations against enemy opposition with devastating effect.

WILCOX, Robert
LIEUT. Commander, USCG
7207 Shore Road
Brooklyn
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as commanding officer of a U. S. DE in offensive action against an enemy submarine. Proceeding to the area of an attack, he established contact and attacked with such accuracy that the first depth charge pattern straddled the submarine, threw the enemy completely out of control and forced him to the surface. He immediately opened very effective gunfire on the U-boat as its conning tower broke the surface. Combined attacks including concentrated fire from three destroyer escorts and a final ramming attack by one of the attacking escorts completed the destruction of the helpless enemy submarine.

WILLIAMS, Fred William
Jr., Sea 2c USCGR
336 Earle Ave.
Lynbrook
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a U. S. Coast Guard cutter during rescue of survivors from the USS ST. AUGUSTINE after the accidental sinking of that vessel in the Atlantic Ocean on the night of January 6, 1943. Observing several survivors struggling to keep themselves afloat in the heavy seas, Williams repeatedly jumped overboard into the icy waters to effect their rescue and bring them safe aboard his ship. His courageous initiative and utter disregard for his own personal safety undoubtedly saved the lives of many men who otherwise might have perished.

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YACCARINO, Joseph Jr.
Pharmacist's Mate 1c
USCGR
17 Bolivar Street
Brooklyn
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct while serving on the USS NEWELL on 20 April 1944 in the Mediterranean. Subsequent to an enemy air attack the USS NEWELL was engaged in picking up one hundred and nineteen survivors of the USS LANSDALE. During and after this rescue Yaccarino together with a chief pharmacist's mate aboard his ship, administered all medical treatments without the aid of a doctor. Several of the survivors were unconscious and had to be resuscitated; several others had fractured limbs; many were stretcher cases; and all had been in oil polluted water for a period of one to four hours. In addition to manning the after dressing station at which treatment for shock, immersion, and minor injuries was given, Yaccarino descended into the water, assisted in rigging those with broken limbs into Stokes litters before they were hoisted aboard and, while in the water, administered hypodermics to ease the pain of their injuries.

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BURKE, Richard L.
Commander USCG
Rivershore Road
Elizabeth City
Distinguished Flying
Cross

For heroism and achievement as commanding officer of the U. S. Coast Guard Air Station at Elizabeth City, and as commander of an aviation task unit of the Chesapeake Air Patrol during the entire period of his service since the United States entered the war. Participating in numerous anti-submarine and convoy protective patrols, in addition to many rescue, assistance and hospitalization flights, Commander Burke constantly exercised keen judgment, expert airmanship skill and great initiative under extremely adverse conditions. On one occasion he rescued seven German survivors from a destroyed enemy submarine. Electing to land on the open sea in waves estimated at eight feet high, Commander Burke, on another occasion effected the transfer from a ship to his plane of a U. S. Navy enlisted man who was urgently in need of an emergency operation and had to be transported immediately to a shore hospital. Despite major damage suffered by his plane during the latter undertaking, Commander Burke carried out his mission successfully and heroically.

DALE, Carlos Kenny
Lieut. USCGR
P.O. Box 112
Littleton
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USS RICKETTS during rescue operations following a collision between the SS EL COSTON and the SS MURFREESBORO in the Atlantic Area on the night of February 25-26, 1944. When the crewmembers of both severely damaged vessels were forced by raging gasoline fires to abandon ship, he voluntarily went over the side of his heavily rolling rescue ship and, despite the rough seas and burning gasoline which covered a large part of the water, worked tirelessly and with utter disregard for his own personal safety to aid the exhausted survivors in reaching and climbing the nets rigged along the sides of the rescue vessel.

NORTH CAROLINA (continued)

DUDLEY, Ralph L.
Cox., USCG
RFD 1, Beaufort
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while attached to the USCGC AIGONQUIN on 21 March, 1943, when survivors from the SS SVEND FOYNE were rescued. Dudley exhibited outstanding heroism, when under difficult conditions of darkness, cold and rough seas and under great physical hardship, he assisted in the rescue of survivors from a swamped lifeboat at the risk of his own life. He bravely climbed down a cargo net over the ship's side and entered the water between the boat and the ship in a valiant attempt to save the survivors who were in a state of collapse and would have perished but for his courageous efforts.

FULFORD, Nathaniel S.
Commander, USCG
25 Farrwood Avenue
Asheville
Bronze Star

For meritorious conduct as executive officer of a U. S. attack transport during the period from August 1943 to September 1944, in the amphibious invasions of the Gilbert Islands and Marshall Islands. By his intelligent planning and energetic leadership of personnel, he contributed materially to the successful debarkation of the troops and equipment from his ship in each instance. He inspired confidence in the officers and men associated with him which contributed in a commendable degree to the success of his ship in these important operations against the enemy.

GALLOWAY, Grady Ransom
Lieut. USCGR
Whittier
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action while serving as Amphibious Scout and Beach Marking Officer during the amphibious assault at Salerno, Italy, on September 9, 1943. Displaying great daring, he placed his craft in the center of the landing beach within 200 yards of enemy machine gun emplacements. When intense hostile fire swept the area as the first wave of boats attempted to land, he coolly directed the firing of a rocket barrage overcoming immediate enemy resistance and enabling our forces to beach successfully.

HARRIS, Glen Livingston
Surfmater, USCG
Stacy
Silver Star

For gallantry in action as coxswain of a boat of the USS MCKEAN on August 7, 1942, during the landing on Tulagi Island, which boat with seven others constituted the first assault wave. He landed his embarked troops and then made repeated trips during that day and on the 8th and 9th, in spite of heavy enemy fire, to effect the landing of equipment, ammunition and supplies; and on September 8, 1942, he made a landing against a Japanese force at Taivu Point, Guadalcanal Island; thereby materially contributing to the successful operations in which the enemy were defeated.

McPHAIL, Richard V.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
Gastonia
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while commanding officer of USCGC 16 engaged in rescue operations during the assault on the coast of France, 6 June 1944. He brought his rescue craft alongside a sinking landing craft tank, which was loaded with ammunition and burning to effect the rescue of incapacitated survivors. He left the side of the craft, but unhesitatingly and mindful that the vessel might explode at any minute, put about and again came alongside when informed that another man with two broken legs was believed to be still aboard as the LST sank from sight.

NORTH CAROLINA (continued)

THRESHER, Russell W.
Lieut. Commander, USCG
134 Colonial Village
Wilmington
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement as acting task unit commander and commanding officer of a Coast Guard cutter in sustained operations north of the Arctic Circle from July until October 1944. He coordinated and controlled a series of highly effective summer operations against enemy patrols and outposts in the Greenland area. Ships under his command located and destroyed isolated and secret installations and facilities which were of inestimable value to the enemy. Later when a companion ship was disabled by the loss of its rudder, he screened the crippled ship until after a tow of 900 miles violent storms broke the towline and dispersed the group. Despite mountainous seas and winds of gale force, he took the disabled ship in tow, and under continued unfavorable weather conditions, icebergs, and floating glacial debris succeeded in bringing the crippled ship to safety.

TILLET, Forest D.
Cox., USCG
Weeksville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while attached to the USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN in effecting the rescue of a shipmate from drowning near the liberty landing barge in Arzew Harbor, Algeria on November 9, 1943. Observing a comrade struggling to keep himself afloat in the swiftly moving harbor waters, Tillett dived overboard with utter disregard for his own personal safety and swam to his rescue. Placing the helpless man aboard a small landing craft, he applied artificial respiration with unwavering perseverance for a period of ninety minutes then, after transfer to another vessel, steadfastly continued his attempts to revive the unconscious survivor despite his own weakened condition. Tillett's courageous initiative and gallant conduct saved the life of a man who otherwise might have perished.

OHIO

CANTILLON, Matthew P.
Lieut (jg) USCGR
3534 Indgate Road
Shaker Heights
Silver Star

For gallantry in action as a member of a Navy Beach Party in the amphibious attack on Biak Island, Schouten Group, Dutch New Guinea, on 27 May 1944. When members of the party landed on Green Beach and were subjected to severe hand ground fire from Japanese troops in two caves in the cliff near the beach, he procured hand grenades, a weapon with which he was unfamiliar, from a soldier, returned to the cliff area, and by ground fire eliminated the enemy resistance, killing the four Japanese in the caves. By his initiative, courage, and resourceful fighting qualities under fire, he defeated enemy resistance and made possible the expeditious landing of vital material without casualty.

CLARK, David C.
Sonarman 2c, USCGR
1439 Garfield Ave. S. W.
Canton
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a crew member of the USCGC 83413 in rescuing survivors of the invasion off the coast of France in June 1944. On June 8 his ship proceeded in full speed in utter disregard of mines to the rescue of the USS RICH, which had been mined approximately two miles from the French coast in a concentrated mine area. After the cutter had

OHIO (continued)

CLARK, David C.
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been moored alongside the stricken ship, Clark, going aboard with the members of the crew, especially distinguished himself by remaining on the bridge of the destroyer escort and freeing one of the members of the crew of the stricken ship who had become entangled in a line. By the time the man was freed, all avenues of escape from the bridge were cut off by water. Clark, assisted by a fellow enlisted man, threw the victim, who was a stretcher case, overboard and then followed him over the side. They succeeded in keeping him afloat until such time as they could all be taken aboard the cutter.

COBURN, Winston T.
Soundman 3c, USCGR
900 Peak Street
East Liverpool
Bronze Star

For meritorious service in operations against the enemy as operator of the sound equipment of a U.S. DE in the spring of 1944. The DE proceeded to the area of the attack where, despite the evasive action taken by the submarine during the interval between the attack and the arrival of the DE, Coburn detected the U-boat in the vicinity of the attacked ship. After locating the submarine Coburn furnished the anti-submarine attack team with continuous and accurate information on the enemy. Basing his attack on this information the commanding officer of the DE made a single accurate depth charge attack which severely damaged and forced the U-boat to the surface where it was destroyed by ramming and the combined gunfire attacks of the anti-submarine ships in the area.

DOEBLER, Harold J.
Commander, USCG
Route 1
Middletown
Bronze Star

For heroic conduct during operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area. As commander of a task group escorting vessels to this vicinity, he skillfully deployed his screen of escorts to repel persistent enemy air attacks. On two ships of the convoy were damaged by planes that penetrated the screen. By his prompt action he succeeded in rescuing several hundred men who were forced to abandon ship. His resourcefulness, initiative and coolness under fire enabled him to bring the convoy to the base with comparatively small loss.

FRIEND, Charles
Mo.M.M.lc, USCGR
2718 Monroe Street
Toledo
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a destroyer escort during the rescue of survivors of the sunk USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic Area on the night of March 9, 1944. Volunteering to assist in the rescue activities, Friend, although fully aware that his own ship might be forced to leave the area to avoid hostile torpedoes or to attack enemy submarines operating in the vicinity, unhesitatingly went over the side into the icy, oil covered waters and, working tirelessly and with utter disregard for personal safety, secured life lines around the exhausted survivors until he himself was completely exhausted and unable to continue his battle against the rough seas. His unselfish efforts were contributing factors in the saving of many lives.

IRWIN, Patrick B.
Ensign, USCG
154 Dakota Avenue
Columbus
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

(Same as Friend's)

OHIO (continued)

KLEIN, Jacob, Jr.
Sea.lc., USCGR
3315 Altoona Road
Cleveland
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct on occasion of the crash of an Army B-26 bomber into the Gulf of Mexico off shore from Coast Guard Beach Patrol Station 501 on August 8, 1943. Undeterred by the absence of a boat or some other buoyant object to float out to survivors, Klein swam three-fourths of a mile off shore in order to reach two stunned and exhausted airmen whose life jackets have been fouled in the crash. Directing both men to cling to the after side of a partially inflated rubber boat, he towed them safely into shallow water.

MILLER, Harvey J.
Lieut. (jg), USCGR
409 Utah Street
Toledo
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as officer in charge of damage control while serving aboard the USCGC CAMPBELL during and following the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel on February 22, 1943. When the engine room flooded and the main engines failed as result of the attack upon the hostile ship, he immediately shored and reinforced bulkheads and connecting pipelines. Afterward, he labored tirelessly, without sleep or rest, in an attempt to maintain auxiliary power machinery and install jury lighting circuits and water lines. His conscientious devotion to duty contributed greatly to the final salvaging of the damaged vessel.

SCHEUERMAN, John C.
Sea.lc., USCGR
107 Belenheim Road
Columbus
Silver Star
(Posthumously)

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving aboard the USS LCI (L) 319 during the amphibious invasion of Italy, September 9, 1943. Observing an enemy fighter plane diving in for a strafing attack as his vessel approached the assault beaches in the Gulf of Salerno, he unhesitatingly manned his battle station at an exposed anti-aircraft gun and with cool courage exerted every effort to direct accurate gunfire against the plane. Although mortally wounded before he could deliver effective fire, he remained steadfast at his post in the face of imminent death, thereby contributing materially to the protection of his ship against further attack.

SHANK, Harold E.
G. M. 2c, USCGR
517 N. Woodward Ave.
Dayton
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a crew member of the USCGC 83468 off the coast of France June 30, 1944. The mining of a landing craft was observed approximately one thousand yards distant. After three casualties had been taken from the stricken ship the commanding officer of the landing craft reported fire aboard and requested volunteers from the cutter to help extinguish the fire. Shank volunteered and his efficiency and meritorious effort contributed substantially to the extinguishing of the fire and the bringing of the landing craft to the beach.

SNYDER, Richard T.
B.lc, USCG
1015 White Avenue
Fremont, Ohio
Silver Star

For gallantry in action in the amphibious attack on Riak Island, Schouton Group, Dutch New Guinea, on 27 May 1944. When members of the party landed and were subject to severe hand grenade fire from Japanese troops in two caves in the cliff near the beach, he procured hand grenades, returned to the cliff area, and eliminated enemy resistance, killing the four Japanese hidden in the caves. By his initiative and resourceful fighting qualities under fire he defeated enemy resistance and made possible the expeditious landing of vital material without casualty.

OKLAHOMA

FARRAR, Arthur
Lieut. (jg), USCGR
Star Route,
Lawton
Bronze Star

For heroic service while in charge of ramps of the USS LCI(L 85 during beaching operations in Normandy, France, June 6, 1944. Although wounded by German shell while operating under accurate and punishing hostile artillery fire, he continued at his post, directing the disembarking of troops and giving assistance to the wounded without thought of air for himself.

FREEMAN, Frank W.
Mo.M.M. 2c, USCG
Hastings
Bronze Star

For extreme devotion to duty and courageous activity which served to inspire others during the initial attack on France June 6, 1944, while serving aboard the USS SAMUEL CHA. Freeman was wounded and his boat driven off by severe fire. When the call for LCVPs to unload LCIs was issued, he went immediately to his boat and, despite mental and physical handicap of his wound, he again went into the beach, not returning until the task was completed.

RAGAN, Oran D.
B.M. 2c, USCG
Waurika
Navy and Marine Corps
Medal (posthumously)

For heroism as coxswain of a tank lighter during the assault on French Morocco November 8 to 11, 1942. When mountainous waves pounded the beach near Mehdia, keeping all boats at their moorings, Ragan, at great risk of his life, dauntlessly put out from shore with the senior medical officer and 12 wounded comrades. With expert seamanship and grim determination, he took the wounded to safety.

OREGON

ARBUCKLE, Robt. W.
Sea. 2c, USCGR
7935 N. Chase Ave.,
Portland
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while attached to an LST May 21, 1944. Immediately after an explosion at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, he voluntarily assumed charge of a landing craft and with a crew of three shipmates maneuvered his boat amid burning debris and flaming oil, and rescued a number of persons who had been hurled by force of the explosion into the water.

GILL, Warren C.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
454 East Ash St.,
Lebanon
Legion of Merit

For meritorious conduct in the pre-assault training of officers and men for small boat operations, and as Commander of an assault force during the assault on Sicily. His effort and enthusiasm inspired in the small boat flotillas a spirit of determination that was largely responsible for their success.

Navy Cross

For extraordinary heroism as commander of an assault flotilla during the amphibious invasion of Salerno, Italy, in September 1943. Although severely wounded by heavy enemy gunfire while directing the lowering of small boats from his ship, Lieutenant (then Lieut. (jg)) Gill steadfastly remained at his post, carrying on his vital duties with dauntless courage and outstanding efficiency and giving important last minute instructions to his officers and men before collapsing as a result of his injuries.

OREGON (Continued)

LIVINGSTON, John C.
Sea.lc, USCGR
1135 N. E. 75th Ave.,
Portland
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism while serving as a crew member of a fireboat engaged in combating fires and explosions on a burning ship at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 21, 1944. When strainers and suction lines became fouled during firefighting operations, he voluntarily jumped over the side into burning oil and gasoline covered waters and freed the strainers and lines, thus keeping his ship in action when it was so vitally need

PRAUSE, Robt. H.
Lieut. USCG
794 Irving Ave.
Astoria,
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal (Posthumously)

For meritorious service as executive officer of the USCGC ESCANABA when that vessel rescued survivors of a torpedoed U. S. transport February 3, 1943. As a result of forethoughtful careful planning, organization and leadership of Lieut. Prause, 133 survivors were rescued. This rescue was conducted over a period of eight hours in darkness, cold and heavy seas.

SCHOPPERT, Kenton P.
Ensign USCGR
Route 1,
Sheridan
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of a Coast Guard Cutter in rescuing survivors of the invasion of France in June, 1944. On June 6, the Cutter rescued many survivors from a torpedoed destroyer, despite heavy seas and great difficulties encountered in getting many of the exhausted men aboard. On June 8, the ship went to the aid of the USS RICH, which had been mined in a concentrated mined area. With utter disregard of the danger, the Cutter proceeded at full speed, reaching the sinking ship while many wounded were still aboard. In addition to removing 24 survivors, the depth charge racks were set on "safe." Fifteen minutes later, the RICH sank.

VANDELEUR, John S. Jr.
S.M.3c, USCG
Box 193
Prineville
Navy and Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct during rescue operations when a U. S. warship stranded. Refusing the opportunity for safety in another boat during a hazardous rescue mission, Vandeleur steadfastly remained aboard his own rapidly sinking boat to assist a helpless survivor. At great risk of his life, he supported the man until the latter was subsequently rescued, saving the life of a shipmate who otherwise might have perished.

PENNSYLVANIA

BETZ, George C.
Mo M.M.2c, USCGR
Wyland Ave.
Allegheny
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal.

For heroism as a crew member of a Coast Guard Cutter in rescuing survivors off the French coast on August 7, 1944. The Cutter proceeded to the scene of a sinking hospital ship. During the operation, Betz went over the side with a pneumat life raft and began gathering the seriously wounded on to the raft. He remained in the water an hour and a half, saving many lives.

PENNSYLVANIA (Continued)

BURKHARD, Arthur H.
Cox. USCG
642 E. Allengrove St.,
Philadelphia
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a crew member of a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue operations on the French coast, June, 1944. Burkhard when PC 1261 was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue survivors in the water. Through his gallant action the loss of life was kept at a minimum.

CONTI, Edward P.
Cox. USCGR
219 Pearl St.,
Bloomfield
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance of duty during amphibious operations on the coast of France June 6, 1944. Conti, after debarking troops and retracting from the beach, transferred his crew to assist other boats in difficulty and stood by under enemy shell fire to render assistance. Later, though without a crew, he rescued two soldiers who were struggling in the water and took off the entire group detachment from a sinking LCA.

DEYAMPERT, Warren T.
Std. 2c, USCG
519 Junilla St.
Pittsburgh
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal (posthumously)

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ESCANABA during the rescue of survivors from a torpedoed ship in North Atlantic waters. Despite the menace of possible enemy submarine action, Deyampert risked his life to aid in the rescue of unconscious and helpless survivors. He swam in icy waters and prevented many floating survivors from being caught in the suction of the ESCANABA's propeller.

FROST, Edwin R.
Lieut. (jg), USCGR
Allegheny Ave.
Woodland Heights
Oil City
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of a Coast Guard Cutter during the initial assault on the French coast June 6, 1944. During the day, three casualties were removed by his Cutter from a slamm landing craft which had been hit by enemy shell fire. Later in the day, five survivors of an LCI were taken from the water. Each of the rescues was carried out in the face of enemy fire.

GARDNER, John N.
A.S. USCGR
311 Fern St.
New Castle
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct in effecting the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed SS DORCHESTER February 3, 1943. When the benumbed survivors were unable to make any efforts to climb on board the rescue ship, Gardner volunteered for the dangerous task of going over the side and working in the rough, freezing water to assist the exhausted survivors in reaching safety. He and his fellow volunteers rescued a total of 93 survivors from certain death.

GOUKER, Roy E.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
Third Street
Dunbar
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USS RICKETS during rescue operations following a collision between two ships in the Atlantic the night of February 25, 1944. When crews of both vessels were forced by raging gasoline fires to abandon ship, he voluntarily went over the side and aided exhausted survivors to reach the rescue vessel.

PENNSYLVANIA (Continued)

GOULD, James R.
A. S. USCGR
Putneyville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct in effecting the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed SS DORCHESTER February 3, 1943. When benumbed survivors were unable to make efforts to climb aboard the rescue ship, Gould volunteered for the dangerous task of going over the side to assist exhausted and helpless survivors. He and fellow volunteers rescued 93 survivors from certain death in the steadily mounting seas.

GRAY, William T.
Lieut. (jg), USCG
65 Sayers Ave.
Lansdowne
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue of survivors from the USS PLYMOUTH August 5, 1943. Observing several men floating helplessly downwind in the turbulent seas, he launched a small pulling boat and picked up many survivors from shark-infested waters. His determination aided materially in the rescue of many men who otherwise might have perished.

KASHINKAS, Jerome F.
Mo.M.M.lc, USCG
1092 N. Main Ave.
Scranton
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a crew member of a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue operations off the coast of France, June, 1944. Kashinkas, when PC 1261 was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue survivors. Through his gallant action the loss of life was kept at a minimum.

KOROWICKI, Stanley J.
Sea.lc, USCGR
512 Railroad Ave.
Johnsonburg
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue of survivors from the USS PLYMOUTH August 5, 1943. Volunteering to man a small boat Korowicki, with several comrades, went to the rescue of survivors floating helplessly downwind in the turbulent seas, and rescued many men from shark-infested waters.

KUPAC, Wendel J.
S.S.M 3c, USCGR
62 First St.
Coaldale
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USS RICKETTS during rescue operations following a collision between two ships in the Atlantic on the night of February 25, 1944. When crew of both vessels were forced by raging gasoline fires to abandon ship, Kupac voluntarily went over the side and aided exhausted survivors to reach the rescue vessel.

McGRATH, Chas. JJ
Soundman 2c, USCG
1914 E. Arizona Street
Philadelphia
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC CALYPSO during the rescue of survivors from USS PLYMOUTH August 5, 1943. Volunteering to man a small boat, McGrath, with several comrades, went to the rescue of survivors floating helplessly downwind in the turbulent seas and saved many from shark-infested waters.

MOSCHETTI, George S.
Mo.M.M.lc, USCGR
75 Madison St.
Greensburg, Navy &
Marine Corps Medal

For heroism as a crew member of a Coast Guard Cutter off the French coast on June 30, 1944. Following the mining of an LCT, three casualties were taken from the stricken ship and fire broke out aboard the craft. Moschetti volunteered to board the blazing ship and his effort contributed substantially to the extinguishing of the fire and beaching of the craft.

PATTERSON, John E.
Cox. USCGR
2024 Letsche St.
Pittsburgh
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism on January 26, 1944, while attached to an LST during the invasion at Anzio, Italy. During a full gale Patterson volunteered as a member of a boat crew to go to the side of a burning LST in an effort to rescue personnel trapped below decks. Despite the fact the blazing ship was pitching and

PATTERSON, John E.
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PENNSYLVANIA (Continued)

rolling in a dangerous manner and ammunition was exploding, he aided in the rescue of a soldier, trapped in a lower compartment, and brought him to safety.

RODGERS, Charles D.
Sp.lc, USCGR
335 Allen St.
West Hazelton
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while attached to the U. S. Coast Guard Barracks, New York, as a roving patrol checking piers of the Central Railroad, when a fire broke out September 21, 1943. Discovering a mass of flames under a string of tank cars, he turned in the alarm and then attempted to extinguish the blaze with sand and dirt. When these efforts failed, he worked his way to the side of the car and, despite the suffocating fumes and intense heat, crawled underneath to shut off the flow of liquid acid from the tank. He continued his efforts until arrival of the fire department.

RUA, Louis
F. lc, USCGR
1831 S. 15th St.
Philadelphia
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement at sea December 5-6, 1944, while serving aboard a U. S. Army large tug en route to the Philippines. His craft went to the rescue of another ship which had been torpedoed by enemy action and saved 277 survivors from the abandoned ship.

STARETT, William
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
414 E. 5th St.
Boyertown
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of a Coast Guard Cutter during the initial assault on the French coast June 6, 1944. During the day eight survivors of a sinking landing craft and four members of the crew of a DD tank were rescued. Between these rescues, the Cutter towed several crippled landing boats to LSTs.

STRAUCH, Wm. D. Jr.
Lieut. USCGR
4323 N. 7th St.
Philadelphia
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance as commanding officer of an LST while under intense and prolonged enemy shellfire June 15, 1944, off the French coast. Lieut. Strauch calmly and efficiently directed the off loading of his ship with such skill that Army personnel and vital implements of war were delivered to the shore of France with a minimum of casualties. Due to his direction, his ship returned from the searing experience of seven hours under bombardment while high and dry upon a beach nakedly exposed to enemy artillery fire with incredibly slight casualties and damage in view of the hits sustained.

THARP, Edward R.
Lieut. (jg) USCG
42 E. Dewart St.
Shamokin
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance as Assistant Boat Group Commander aboard the USS SAMUEL CHASE during the assault on France June 6, 1944. He was of great assistance in planning the assault boat schedule which was then in operation. Despite enemy gunfire, he closed the beach many times in order to provide the Group Commander with valuable data for carrying out the assault.

TRUMP, William F.
Mo.M.M.lc, USCGR
West 6th St.
Bloomsburg
Silver Star

For gallantry and intrepidity in action in the assault phase of an LCI (L) which landed troops in the face of severe enemy fire and despite a profusion of beach obstacles on the coast of France June 6, 1944. Having volunteered for the assignment he waded between the heavily mined beach obstacles and dragged an anchor and anchor-line to shallow water, thereby providing a safety line for troops to follow.

PENNSYLVANIA (Continued)

VERNON, Albert
Lieut.(jg) USCGR
5710 N. Second St.
Philadelphia
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as commanding officer of a Coast Guard Cutter in rescuing survivors of the invasion of France June 6, 1944. During the day the Cutter rescued 97 men. Each rescue was effected in the face of constant enemy fire from the beach which was in no way allowed to deter the splendid rescue operations.

RHODE ISLAND

HUTCHINSON, Geo. F.
Lieut.(jg) USCGR
Sanderstown
Silver Star

For gallantry in action against the enemy as Commanding Officer of the USS LCI (L) 83 while landing assault troops in Normandy, France, June 6, 1944. Lieutenant Hutchinson directed his ship to the beach through heavily mined obstacle, while under heavy enemy fire that caused numerous Army casualties, successfully unloaded troops after the ship was mined and remained with the ship effecting repairs that enabled it to come off the beach on the next tide.

O'BRIEN, Austin
PHM,2c, USCGR
47 Puritan St.
Providence
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance as leading pharmacist's mate aboard the USS LCI (L) 94 during the assault on France June 6, 1944. As O'Brien proceeded from protective cover to administer medical attention to the injured, he was wounded about the shoulder and leg by shrapnel and his first aid kit was demolished. Without stopping to attend his own injuries, he quickly obtained other medical supplies and carried on with his task. In spite of continued enemy fire, he skillfully cared for the wounded and carried them to a sheltered area.

SOUTH CAROLINA

CARTER, Sydney G.
Lieut.(jg) USCGR
115 Savannah Rd.
Charleston
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct as Officer in Charge of a fire fighting crew aboard the SS GULFBELLE October 21, 1943, after its collision with the SS GULFLAND off Palm Beach, Fla. Fully realizing the extreme peril from unexploded ammunition and high octane gasoline stored in the blazing ship, he courageously boarded the tanker with his men and skillfully directed firefighting operations. Using every method possible to protect his gallant crew, he fought desperately to check the flames and, despite the hazard of falling debris, succeeded in extinguishing the fire.

DAMEWOOD, Vernon W.
B.M.1c. USCGR
P.O.Box 72
Moultrieville
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rescuing an officer from drowning in Eniwetok Lagoon February 22, 1944. The officer, whose field pack became entangled in the debarkation ladder, sustained painful injury and fell into the water with full equipment. Damewood dove overboard, inflated the victim's life belt, cut away his equipment and hailed a passing boat. His quick action saved the officers life.

SOUTH CAROLINA (continued)

HENDLEY, Coit T.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
1609 Crestwood Dr.
Columbia
Silver Star

For heroism as Commanding Officer of the USS LCI (L) 85 while landing assault troops in Normandy, France, June 6, 1944. Lieutenant Hendley successfully landed his troops despite the mining of his vessel, fire in three compartments and a concentration of enemy fire while unloading. His courage and seamanship in directing repairs and retracting from the beach resulted in saving the lives of many wounded aboard.

RUFF, James O.
R.M.3c, USCGR
1101 Johnstone St.
Newberry
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ATAK in effecting the rescue of personnel from the wrecked trawler, TERRA NORVA September 13, 1943. When 20 members of the trawler's crew were left on board the sinking vessel, Ruff volunteered for duty as part of a lifeboat crew assigned to the rescue operations and, despite heavy seas and high winds, steadfastly remained at his oar for four hours until all survivors had been transferred to his ship.

SMITH, Wm. Epp
Sea.1c, USCGR
41 Wedge Park
Carolina Terrace
Charleston
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a destroyer escort during the rescue of survivors of the torpedoed USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic on the night of March 9, 1944. Courageously volunteering to aid in rescue activities, Smith went over the side into icy, oil-covered waters and, working with utter disregard for personal safety, secured life lines around the exhausted survivors until he himself was completely exhausted and unable to continue his battle against the rough seas.

SOUTH DAKOTA

PUTSKE, Stanley G.
R.M.2c, USCG
Humboldt
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism May 3, 1944, while serving aboard the USS MENGE off the Algerian coast. When the MENGES was torpedoed in action with an enemy submarine. Putske was wounded at his battle station. Since all deck petty officers were killed by the explosion, he assisted in lowering the ship's boat into the water, and voluntarily took the boat away to save two men who had been blown off the ship. His action saved the lives of the men.

TEXAS

ALLISON, Samuel W.
Lieut. USCGR
5504 Ardmore Ave.
Houston
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action as Commanding Officer of LCI(L) 326 during amphibious landings on the French coast June 6, 1944. Displaying superb seamanship and dauntless courage, Lieutenant Allison successfully landed units of the Army, then stood off the beach for salvage duty. Realizing that the services of a control boat were urgently needed he volunteered for this assignment and, in the face of concentrated shell fire and constant threat of exploding mines, effectively directed boat traffic throughout the remainder of the initial assault.

TEXAS (Continued)

BRADSHAW, Odell I.
Mo.M.M.3c, USCGR
4726 E. Rosedale St.
Fort Worth
Navy & Marine Corps

For heroic conduct while effecting the rescue of a seaman from drowning in the Altamaha River, Georgia, May 28, 1943. Hearing cries of distress, Bradshaw plunged in and swam to the man's side. Fighting the swift and treacherous current he reached the exhausted seaman who had gone down once and carried him safely back to shore.

IVY, Charles B.
Mo.M.M.1c, USCG
Goldthwaite
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a crew member of a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue operations off the French coast in June, 1944. Ivy, when a PC was hit by enemy shellfire and many of her crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue some of the survivors. Through his gallant action the loss of life was kept at a minimum.

LILLY, C. B.
B.M.2c, USCGR
112 E. Hart Ave.
San Antonio
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action while attached to the USS JOSEPH T. DICKMAN during the amphibious assault at Salerno, Italy, September 9, 1943. After landing vehicles upon the designated assault beach in the face of intense enemy gunfire, Lilly observed five soldiers struggling in the water and went to their rescue. Discovering three of the men were seriously wounded, he worked desperately under exceedingly difficult conditions and succeeded in bringing them safe ashore.

MCCORMICK, Nelson C.
Lt. Comdr. USCG
Route 1, Box 6
Dayton
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commanding Officer of a Coast Guard Cutter during action against an enemy German submarine off the Florida coast, June 11 to 13, 1942. Proceeding to the area where a hostile submarine had been located, he began a determined search in cooperation with Coast Guard patrol planes. The Cutter tracked her target doggedly and forced the sub to remain submerged for long intervals until the appearance of continuing oil slicks, debris and clothing gave evidence of the probable destruction of the hostile vessel.

MILLER, Billy L.
F. 1c., USCGR
2404 Westbrook St.
Fort Worth
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism in rendering assistance to wounded personnel during landing operations at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. While a vessel was burning as a result of a direct hit and in danger of further explosions, he went aboard the vessel and rendered assistance to wounded and others at a time when the ship's personnel were unable to do so. His action undoubtedly resulted in the prevention of loss of life of many of those injured.

MILLER, Jack Neil
B.M.2c, USCGR
Route 2,
Eustace
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action while serving as coxswain of a landing craft during the assault on Salerno, Italy, September 9, 1943. Courageously maneuvering his boat in the face of intense enemy gunfire, Miller skillfully effected a successful landing and, although painfully wounded when hostile machine gun fire shattered the steering wheel in his hands, continued to carry out his important duties throughout the unloading operations, then returned to his ship.

TEXAS (Continued)

SANDERS, Carver G.
B.M.2c, USCGR
2400 Culebra Ave.
San Antonio
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal (Posthumously)

For heroism while serving aboard the USS MENGES April 20, 1944, in the Mediterranean Sea. When a destroyer escort was sunk by enemy bombing planes, the MENGES went to the rescue. Sanders, while the ship was picking up survivors, voluntarily and at great personal risk went over the side into the oil-covered water in order to more effectively aid the wounded and shocked survivors, who would otherwise have been unable to save themselves. Later, when the MENGES was torpedoed in action with the enemy submarine, he was killed by the explosion while manning his battle station.

SWIERC, Michael J.
Mo.M.M.2c, USCG
Falls City
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroism as a member of the crew of a Coast Guard Cutter during rescue operations off the French coast, June, 1944. Swierc, when a PC was hit by enemy shellfire and many of the crew thrown into the water, volunteered to go over the side and try to rescue some of the survivors. Through his gallantry loss of life was kept at a minimum.

YOUNG, J. E.
Q.M.2c, USCG
2503 Pearl Ave.
Fort Worth
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard a destroyer escort during the rescue of survivors of the torpedoed USS LEOPOLD in the North Atlantic on the night of March 9, 1944. Courageously volunteering to assist in rescue activities, Young went over the side into ice, oil-covered waters and, working with utter disregard for personal safety, secured life line around the exhausted survivors until he himself was completely exhausted and unable to continue his battle against the rough seas.

VIRGINIA

ARNOLD, Arthur A.
B.M.2c, USCGR
Route 1
New Alexandria
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action as coxswain of a landing boat in the assault on Sicily, July 10, 1943. With the landing operations halted by an intense volley from heavy enemy machine guns which killed many of the embarked troops upon beaching, Arnold courageously countered the fierce hostile attack. Realizing that return fire from his boat was ineffective, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the withering barrage and, aiming with cool deliberation, hurled two grenades into the enemy emplacement and succeeded in silencing the entire battery, thereby enabling our units to continue their advance into enemy-occupied territory.

BANNER, Roger H.
Lieut. USCG
4848-B S 28th St.
Fairlington
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Officer-in-Charge of a support boat from the USS SAMUEL CHASE during the invasion of Italy September 9, 1943. Courageous and skillful in executing a hazardous task, he successfully escorted 59 amphibious trucks to the beaches under cover of night and directed unloading of artillery and equipment. Navigating by stars, he continued to traverse the distance of 12 miles between off-shore anchorage and the beaches, continuously exposed to the danger of minefields and shell and mortar fire.

VIRGINIA (Continued)

COLE, Vernon
Sea.lc, USCGR
303 Main Street
Alexandria
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance of duty while attached to the USS LCI (L) 94 during the assault on France, June, 1944. When the craft beached, Cole volunteered to take ashore the man rope and test the depth of the water in order that troops could disembark with greater speed. He waded through heavy surf and secured the man rope while under heavy enemy machine gun fire. He then gave his life-jacket to a soldier who had been partially overcome by the heavy surf and assisted several others who were having difficulty in reaching the beach. Cole swam 40 minutes among mined obstacles to his ship and then assisted materially in giving first aid to wounded shipmates.

CONE, Burtis P.
Lieut. USCG
3902 Seminary Ave.
Richmond
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal (Posthumously)

For heroic conduct as executive officer of the USS LEOPOLD when that vessel was sunk by submarine in the Atlantic March 9, 1944. Unmindful of his own danger and refusing to save himself while members of his crew were still in danger, Lieutenant Cone worked desperately to assist his companions and remained in the water with them when an enemy vessel forced the rescue ship to retire from the scene.

COWART, Kenneth K.
Comdr. USCG
1215 Lee Highway
Falls Church
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry as Engineer Officer on the USCGC CAMPBELL during and following the sinking of an enemy submarine February 22, 1943. When his ship surprised the host vessel on the surface and collided with it during an attempt to ram, Commander Cowart, by his expert direction of engine operation, contributed materially to the sinking of the submarine by gunfire and the capture of several members of her crew. When the cutter began to take water as a result of a large rupture in her side plating, he bravely stood by his station in the flooding engine room and supervised damage control.

CURRY, Ralph R.
Comdr. USCG
1648 Preston Rd.
Alexandria
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commanding Officer of the USS PRIDE during an attack on an enemy submarine of the Algerian Coast in May, 1944. When a sound contact was established indicating an enemy submarine in the area, Commander Curry maneuvered his ship so skillfully that his actions greatly assisted in the search and the delivery of a successful depth charge attack, which forced the submarine to the surface. The enemy was forced to scuttle and abandon ship.

FARLEY, Joseph F.
Rear Adm. USCG
Box 62, RFD 2
Alexandria
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as District Coast Guard Officer of the Eighth Naval District from June, 1942, to December, 1943. Assuming the highly important duty of safeguarding the many ports in this district during a particularly dangerous period of the war, Rear Admiral Farley worked with untiring zeal and brilliant initiative to direct the training and equipping of port security organizations for the protection of all essential waterfront facilities and vessels. Rear Admiral Farley's inspiring leadership, outstanding ability and unceasing vigilance contributed immeasurably to the successful prosecution of the war by insuring the safe and

VIRGINIA (Continued)

- FARLEY, Joseph F.
(Continued) uninterrupted flow of vast quantities of oil and thousands of tons of other shipping to the battlefronts of the world.
- FARRAR, Mirl J., Jr.
Cox. USCGR
208 10th St.
Virginia Beach
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ALGONQUIN during the rescue of survivors of the wrecked SS SVEND FOYNE in the North Atlantic near Greenland March 21, 1943. Although rough seas rolled his ship from 20 to 30 degrees and wind and freezing water seriously hampered rescue operations, Farrar with three comrades unhesitatingly went over the side and effected a perilous descent to the men who, weak and numb from long exposure, clung helplessly to the cargo net after their lifeboat had tipped and thrown them into the sea. Farrar and his companions succeeded in carrying two of the exhausted seamen up the net to safety.
- GRAVES, Garrett V.A.
Comdr. USCG
705 Woodland Terrace
Alexandria
Legion of Merit For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commanding Officer of the Ice Information Detachment, and later as Chief of Staff, Commander Greenland Patrol, from February, 1942, to late October, 1943. Through his broad and extensive knowledge of ice conditions and movements, Commander Graves efficiently established and organized the Ice Information Detachment, at all times keeping United Nations ships in the area accurately informed of vital hydrographic conditions. By his efforts and outstanding devotion to duty he achieved a better understanding between Canadian and American armed forces and contributed to the maintenance of a more thorough defense of this vital area.
- HALL, Rae B.
Capt. USCG
1027 Cambridge Crescent
Norfolk
Legion of Merit For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Captain of the Port of Norfolk, Virginia, from March 10, 1942, to November 1, 1943. Assuming the highly important duty of safeguarding the large and vital port during a particularly dangerous period of the war, Captain Hall worked with untiring zeal and brilliant initiative, directing the training and equipping of a port security organization formed to protect all essential waterfront facilities and vessels. His superb leadership contributed in large measure to the successful prosecution of the war by insuring the safe and uninterrupted flow of enormous quantities of materials and manpower to the battlefronts.
- HARRISON, Benjamin F.
Machinist, USCG
3020 Cottage Toll Rd.
Norfolk
Silver Star For conspicuous gallantry as Assistant to the Engineer Officer and the Damage Control Officer of the USCGC CAMPBELL during and following the sinking of an enemy submarine by that vessel February 22, 1943. When the engine room flooded and main engines failed as result of the attack upon the hostile ship, Harrison rendered invaluable assistance to the officers in their efforts to cover a hole in the ship's side. His tireless devotion to duty contributed greatly to the salvaging of the damaged vessel.

VIRGINIA (Continued)

HEWINS, John S.
Lieut. (jg) USCGR
2408 Chesapeake Ave.
Hampton
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement in the performance of his duties as Sound Officer aboard a U. S. warship. His skillful evaluation of vital information and ability to maintain efficient team work among his crew contributed directly to the success of his ship in sinking a Japanese naval vessel.

HOUSTON, Lewis C.
Lieut. USCG
306 N. Mulberry St.
Richmond
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as commanding officer of a Coast Guard Cutter during action against an enemy submarine off Cape Antonio, Cuba, in 1942. Attacking with depth charges on the first run, he repeated his aggressive tactics throughout the day until a continuing oil slick gave evidence of the probable destruction of the enemy vessel.

KELLAM, John H.
Ensign USCGR
Johnsontown
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as Commanding Officer of a Coast Guard Cutter in rescuing survivors of the invasion of France June 6, 1944. An allied plane was observed to crash deep inside enemy-held waters off the shore of Le Havre. His Cutter proceeded to the scene and succeeded in picking up one flyer, who was the only survivor located. The personnel of the ship were fully appreciative of the fact they were in an area where E-boat activities, well within range of shore batteries, and entirely without escort or protection.

MANN, Frederick D.
B.M.1c, USCG
Ellerson
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry while attached to the USS GEORGE F. ELLIOTT in action against Japanese forces off Guadalcanal August 8, 1942. When a hostile plane was shot down and exploded on board the ship, transforming the ship into a blazing torch, Mann carried a fire hose into the troop ammunition magazine to flood the compartment. Subsequently, despite suffocating smoke and dangerously heated bulkheads, he re-entered the compartment, recovered the hose and continued his efforts. His action prevented the magazine from exploding.

RIGG, Henry K.
Lieut. USCGR
502 Journey's Lane
Alexandria
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance of duty as Commanding Officer of USS LCI (L) 88 during the assault on Normandy June 6, 1944. Lieutenant Rigg expertly maneuvered his ship and effected a beaching during heavy artillery and mortar fire, and at a time when the hazards were such that other ships were ordered to delay their beachings. He landed without casualty, a unit of the Engineering Shore Battalion, which materially contributed to the initial success of the assault.

TARR, Daniel J.
Surfman USCG
Chincoteague
Silver Star

For gallantry in action as a boat coxswain August 7, 1942, during the landing on Tulagi Island in the first assault wave. He made repeated trips in spite of heavy enemy fire to effect landing of equipment, troops, ammunition and supplies; and on September 8, he made a landing against a Japanese force at Taivu Point, Guadalcanal, thereby materially contributing to the successful operations in which the enemy were defeated.

WASHINGTON

BEEZER, Earl F., Jr.
B.M.1c, USCG
7210 Palating Ave.
Seattle
Bronze Star

For meritorious performance of duty during landing operations at France June 6, 1944. Beezer, in charge of a tank lighter, observed a casualty sustained by a nearby landing craft and rescued seven crew members from the water. On proceeding to the beach and landing Army troops, the tank lighter came under enemy fire, wounding some of the survivors and a lighter crewman. He retracted the craft and proceeded to intercept a nearby destroyer, placing the wounded personnel on board for medical attention.

CAMPBELL, Leonard W.
C.B.M. USCG
Box 825
Burlington
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC MODOC during rescue of survivors from the SVEND FOYNE in the Atlantic March 21, 1943. Observing three survivors who had jumped from a life raft alongside his vessel and were helplessly trying to fasten their life lines, Campbell descended the port rescue net and for 10 minutes struggled unaided to secure a line to one of the floundering men. His courageous action, made at great risk to his own life, was instrumental in the saving of two survivors who would otherwise have been lost.

HOWARD, Sam Francis
B.M.2c, USCGR
137 North 80th St.
Seattle
Bronze Star

For heroic services while delivering a boat load of supplies to New Zealand troops in action against enemy Japanese forces near Marquana Bay, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, September 28, 1943. Although seriously injured by a withering barrage of hostile machine gun fire while laying off the beach to await proper signal, Howard skillfully maneuvered his craft through dangerous coral-studded waters and, despite pain from his wounds, succeeded in bringing his boat out of range of enemy fire to safety in the open sea. His gallant conduct and expert seamanship in the face of grave peril undoubtedly prevented further casualties among the crew.

LOGAR, Henry J.
Q.M.2c, USCG
Route 1, Box 348
Enum Clau
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ALGONQUIN during rescue of survivors of the SS SVEND FOYNE in the North Atlantic near Greenland March 21, 1943. Although exceptionally rough seas rolled his ship 20 to 30 degrees and wind and freezing water seriously hampered rescue operations, Logar, with three comrades, unhesitatingly went over the side and effected a perilous descent to the men who, weak and numb from long exposure, clung helplessly to the cargo net after their life boat had tipped and thrown them into the sea. By his brave defiance of imminent personal danger, he assisted in saving two men who otherwise might have been lost.

KIRSTINE, Lance J.
Lieut. Comdr. USCG
2540 11th Ave., W.
Seattle
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commander of Landing Craft assigned to the Western Naval Task Force prior to and during the amphibious invasion of Southern France in August, 1944. Commander Kirstine exhibited outstanding ability and leadership in organizing, training and maintaining

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KIRSTINE, Lance J.
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the material readiness of U.S. LCTs allocated to the Task Force. He skillfully controlled the operations of these craft and directed their safe passage in convoy to the assault beaches where he successfully deployed them to the proper unloading points. In post assault operations, his efficient control of offshore unloading activities contributed materially to the effective support rendered to the rapidly advancing Allied Armies into enemy-held territory.

French Croix de Guerre

During the landing of French troops on an enemy held island in June, 1944, Lieutenant Commander Kirstine led the LSTs to the designated beaches and successfully carried out the landings in spite of violent enemy gunfire, giving proof of his courage and fearlessness. This citation entitled him to the Croix de Guerre with silver star.

MACKLIN, Edward E.
F.lc, USCGR
Route 6
Spokane
Bronze Star

For meritorious achievement at sea December 5-6, 1944, while serving aboard a U.S. Army large tug en route to the Philippines. His craft went to the rescue of another ship which had been torpedoed by enemy action and saved 277 survivors from the abandoned ship.

MASSMAN, John D.
Cox. USCGR
117-136 N., Seattle
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct while attached to the Coast Guard Patrol Base, Seattle; in assisting the City Fire Department and in rescuing four men during a serious fire in the Frye and Company plant February 18, 1943. Massman, as a member of a fire and rescue party, entered the ruins, and started searching for bodies. When five city firemen were overcome by refrigerant gas, Massman, at great risk of his life, dauntlessly followed their hose into the gas-filled room where they lay and carried out four of the unconscious men. On the fifth trip Massman himself was overcome, but was rescued.

MULIERI, B. C. F.
Lieut. Comdr. USCGR
2540 11th Ave., W.
Seattle
Commendatore of the
Order of the Crown of
Italy

Presentation was made through the Ministry of Agriculture, and medal accompanied by a royal decree signed by Crown Prince Umberto di Savoia, Lieutenant General of Italy, with verbal citation by his Excellency Gino Bergami, to the effect that the honor was being conferred in recognition of Lieutenant Commander Mulieri's work in rehabilitating the fishing industry of Italy.

MUNRO, Douglas A.
S.M.lc, USCG
P.O. Box 653
South Cle Elum
Congressional Medal
of Honor (posthumously)

For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty as Officer-in-Charge of a group of Higgins boats, engaged in the evacuation of a battalion of Marines trapped by enemy Japanese forces at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal, September 27, 1942. After making preliminary plans for the evacuation of nearly 500 beleaguered Marines, Munro, under constant risk of his life, daringly

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MUNRO, Douglas A.
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led five of his small craft toward the shore. As he closed the beach, he signalled the others to land, and then in order to draw the enemy's fire and protect the heavily loaded boats, he valiantly placed his craft with its two small guns as a shield between the beachhead and the Japanese. When the perilous task of evacuation was nearly completed, Munro was killed by enemy fire, but his crew, two of whom were wounded; carried on until the last boat had loaded and cleared the beach.

MUNTER, William H.
Capt. USCG (Ret)
4518 52nd Ave., NE
Seattle
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as District Coast Guard Officer of the Thirteenth Naval District, Seattle, from April, 1942, to April, 1944. Establishing and maintaining superbly trained and equipped port security organizations, Captain Munter has aided vitally in the successful prosecution of the war. By his expert administrative ability and devotion to duty, he has contributed materially to the safe passage of thousands of tons of shipping and to the uninterrupted flow of our nation's resources to the battle fronts of the world.

MUZZY, James S.
Lieut. Comdr. USCG
1305 East Republican
Seattle
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct while Commanding Officer of a U.S. destroyer escort April 1, 1944, in the Mediterranean Sea. When a fire broke out in the forward hold of the SS JARED INGERSOLL after that ship had apparently been struck by a torpedo, he laid his ship alongside three times to combat the stubborn fire. This action was taken after the INGERSOLL had twice been abandoned by her crew and in spite of the fact that in the compartment adjacent to the fire was a magazine containing ammunition. After bringing the fire under control, Lieutenant Commander Muzzy assisted in towing the ship to Algiers. By his action, he contributed to the saving of many lives and succeeded in salvaging a valuable unit, including cargo and equipment.

PAINE, James W.
Lieut. Comdr. USCG
902 S. 96th St.
Tacoma
Bronze Star

For heroic achievement as Gunnery Officer of the USS SAMUEL CHASE during the amphibious landings at North Africa November 8 to 11, 1942. By his marked ability and untiring efforts in developing his inexperienced gun crews into a well functioning unit, he maintained an effective defense of his ship against repeated raids by German aircraft, skillfully controlling the fire of the CHASE with the result that one enemy plane was shot down and two others probably destroyed.

WEST VIRGINIA

ALLEN, Nelson W.
S.M.2c, USCGR
Chelyan
Bronze Star

For meritorious service in operations against the enemy as operator of sound equipment of a US destroyer escort April 16, 1944. The destroyer escort proceeded to the area of the attack, where, despite the evasive action taken by the submarine, Nelson detected the U-boat in the vicinity of an attached ship. After locating the submarine Allen furnished

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ALLEN, Nelson W.
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the anti-submarine attack team with continuous and accurate information on the enemy. Basing his attack on this information, the Commanding Officer made a single accurate depth charge attack which severely damaged and forced the submarine to the surface where it was destroyed by ramming and the combined gunfire of ships in the area.

WISCONSIN

GISLASON, Gene R.
Lieut. USCGR
Washington Island
Silver Star

For outstanding heroism as Commanding Officer of the USS LCI (L) 94, while landing assault troops in Normandy June 6, 1944. He successfully directed his ship through numerous beach obstacles to the proper beach, discharged his troops and retracted while his ship was seriously damaged from heavy enemy fire. Ship's communications, engine telegraph and electric steering were disabled by direct hits on the pilothouse which killed three crewmen, and one screw and shaft were rendered inoperative by beach obstacles. By his coolness under fire and excellent seamanship, Lieutenant Gislason overcame these difficulties and brought his ship off the beach on hand steering and one screw. He later supervised repairs and in four hours enabled the LCI (L) to remain operative in the assault area for three weeks.

MUELLER, William H.
B.M.lc, USCGR
2904 S. Delaware Ave.
Milwaukee
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic performance of duty as petty officer in charge of a salvage and repair party from the USCGC SORREL which boarded a burning gasoline-loaded tanker February, 1944. Mueller also acted as coxswain of the motor whaleboat transported personnel from the Cutter to the tanker. In spite of winds of near gale force and mountainous seas he successfully transferred all members of the party without casualty to the boat or personnel. On boarding the tanker, Mueller, in the face of great danger, opened and flooded compartment in which the fire was localized. The presence of large quantities of high octane gasoline in the ship's tanks and the gasoline vapor which saturated the atmosphere around the tanker rendered the operation both highly dangerous and difficult.

WIEGAND, Charles E.
B.M.lc, USCG
E Street
Sturgeon Bay
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For extremely heroic conduct while serving aboard the USCGC ALGONQUIN during the rescue of survivors of the wrecked SS SVEND FOYNE in the North Atlantic near Greenland March 21, 1943. Although exceptionally rough seas rolled his ship 20 to 30 degrees and wind and freezing water seriously hampered rescue operations, Wiegand, with three comrades, went over the side and effected a perilous descent to the men, who, weak and numb from long exposure, clung helplessly to the cargo net after their life boat had tipped and thrown them into the sea. Through sheer physical strength, Wiegand and his companions succeeded in carrying two of the exhausted seamen up the net.

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DONOHUE, Robert
Rear Adm., USCG
3311 Rittenhouse St., NW22,
Washington, D. C.
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Chief Personnel Officer of the Coast Guard from April, 1942, to November 1944. Exercising brilliant initiative and untiring effort, Rear Admiral Donohue organized and put into effect a rigid program for the classification, grouping, training, and processing of Coast Guard personnel who manned the escort vessels, transports and small landing craft used in amphibious operations in close cooperation with the Navy, and who successfully carried out vital duties in connection with Port Security, Aids to Navigation, and Women's Reserve and the Temporary Auxiliary. By his sound judgment, unflinching tact and superb leadership, he contributed materially to the splendid achievements of the Coast Guard in assuring the safe and uninterrupted flow of enormous quantities of our nation's manpower, equipment and supplies to the battlefront of the world.

EATON, Philip B.
Rear Adm. USCG
Comynholm
Cleveland Park Sta.
Washington, D.C.
Navy & Marine Corps
Medal

For heroic conduct on the occasion of the wreck of three trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad near Dickerson, Maryland, September 24, 1942. Realizing that several passengers were imprisoned under the wreckage and in imminent danger of burning to death from nearby fires, Rear Admiral (then Captain) Eaton unhesitatingly went to their rescue. Risking his life by crawling on hands and knees beneath a mass of heavy pipes, he succeeded in placing an injured man on his back and carrying him to safety, then, returning with a comrade, repeated this courageous action until all who were not inextricably pinned in the wreckage were brought out.

HUNT, James S.
Comdr. USCGR
1824 Belmont Rd., NW
Washington, D. C.
Silver Star

For conspicuous gallantry in action while serving as Boat Group Commander of the Assault Craft attached to the USS SAMUEL CHASE during the amphibious invasion of Italy September 9, 1943. Successfully leading his assault boat crews to the assigned beaches in the Gulf of Salerno, Commander (then Lieut. Comdr) Hunt expedited the landing of embarked troops and equipment in the face of tremendous enemy opposition. Making an extended reconnaissance in an assault boat beyond the established beaches and under heavy enemy artillery fire on September 10, he obtained valuable information which assisted greatly in the effective employment of the assaulting forces against strongly defended enemy positions.

LEVY, Harold
C.PHM. USCGR
6323 Luzon Ave., NW
Washington, D. C.
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. When a U. S. destroyer, while escorting a valuable convoy in the Mediterranean was attacked by enemy aircraft and subsequently sunk, Levy, with great professional skill, administered first aid and emergency medical attention to many of the survivors that had been rescued by the USS MENGES, his efforts probably saving the lives of

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LEVY, Harold
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many injured personnel. Later, when the MENGES was attacked and badly damaged by an enemy torpedo, Levy, the only pharmacist's mate attached to the ship, rendered first aid and medical treatment to 25 severely injured wounded members of the crew, thereby contributing to the saving of the lives of many men.

ROLLINS, Glenn L.
Lieut. Comdr. USCG
1916 Kearney St., NE
Washington, D.C.
Bronze Star

For meritorious service as Commanding Officer, USS RICKETTS during rescue operations of survivors of two ships which collided in the Atlantic February 25, 1944. In spite of a moderate gale, rough seas, an overcast sky, intermittent showers, fiercely burning gasoline on the surface of the water surrounding the disabled ships, and the danger of imminent explosion of the burning tanker, Lieutenant Commander Rollins held to his task and searched the adjacent area throughout the night. As a result, 33 exhausted, and in several instances, helpless survivors were rescued.

ALASKA

BURNS, Ralph
Lieut. USCG
P.O. Box 303
Mile Six South Tongass
Highway
Ketchikan
Legion of Merit

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Commanding Officer of the USS McLANE during action against a hostile submarine in North Pacific waters July 9, 1942. After a prolonged and determined search, Lieutenant Burns made sound contact with the submarine and, quickly maneuvering into attack position dropped depth charges. Although an air-driven torpedo passed directly under the bow of the McLANE during the engagement, Lieutenant Burns relentlessly pursued his target until spreading oil slicks and continuous air bubbles gave evidence of the probably destruction of the enemy vessel.