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Army of the United States CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM J DONOVAN

honorably served in active Federal Service in the Army of the United States from

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In Reply Refer to AGPS-AD-C 201 Donovan, William J. 0 102 383

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MEMO FOR RECORD

The records show that Major General William J. Donovan, 0 102 383, USAR (Hon-Res) is entitled to the following decorations and awards:

DECORATIONS

Medal of Honor per War Department General Orders Number 56, dated 30 December 1922. Presented 8:30pm, 18 January 1923, at the 69th Regiment Armory, New York City by Major General Robert L. Bullard, USA.

Distinguished Service Cross per War Department General Orders Number 99, dated 1 November 1918 for an act of heroism performed on 28-31 July 1918 and presented 7 September 1918

Distinguished Service Medal per War Department General Orders
Number 43, dated 23 October 1922. Presented 9 December 1922
at Buffalo, New York, by B.R. Wade, Lieutenant Colonel 28th
Infantry, Commanding

Distinguished Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) per War Department General Orders Number 9, dated 25 January 1946
Purple Heart with one bronze oak leaf cluster for wounds received in action on 29 July 1918 and 15 October 1918

SERVICE MEDALS

Mexican Border Service Medal World War I Victory Medal with five battle clasps

Army of Occupation of Germany Medal

American Defense Service Medal
American Campaign Medal

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with arrowhead and two bronze service stars for participation in the Central Burma and China Offensive campaigns

European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with arrowhead and two silver service stars (in lieu of ten bronze service stars) for participation in the Rome-Arno; Central Europe; Ardennes-Alsace; Normandy; Rhineland; Northern France; Southern France; Algiers-French; Morocco; Sicily and Anzio.

World War II Victory Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one ten year device

UNIT AWARD

Distinguished Unit Emblem with one bronze oak leaf cluster

FOREIGN DECORATIONS

China: Special Collar Order of Yun Hui

France: Legion d'Honneur, grade de Commandeur

Croix de Guerre with Palm

Croix de Guerre with Silver Star

Czechoslovakia: War Cross 1939

Netherlands: Order of Orange Nassau with Swords, degree of Grand Officer

Belgium: Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold with Palm

Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm

Italy: Order of the Crown, Cavalier of Grand Cross

War Cross

Great Britain: Order of the British Empire, Knight Commander Norway: Royal Order of Saint Olav, Commander Cross with Star

> N. P. HORNE, Lt. Col., AGC Chief, D&A Unit, PAS, PSB

GENERAL ORDERS,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

No. 99. Washington, November 1, 1918.

I_By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 9, 1918 (Bul. No. 43, W. D., 1918), the distinguished-service cross was awarded by the commanding general, American Expeditionary Forces, for extraordinary heroism in action in France, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Logan Feland, colonel, United States Marine Corps. During the operations at Bois de Belleau, June 6-14, 1918, he distinguished himself by his energy, courage, and disregard for personal safety in voluntarily leading troops into action through heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. His efforts contributed largely to our successes at this point.

Julius S. Turrill, lieutenant colonel, United States Marine Corps. At Bois de Belleau on June 6, 1918, he displayed extraordinary heroism when, in leading his men to the attack, he constantly exposed himself to danger, ever setting a splendid example to his men.

Benjamin S. Berry, major, United States Marine Corps. He led his men in a gallant attack across open ground and into the Bois de Belleau, France, northwest of Chateau Thierry, on the afternoon of June 6, 1918, inspiring them to deeds of valor by his example. When he reached the edge of the woods he fell, severely wounded. Nevertheless he arose and made a final dash of 30 yards across, through a storm of bullets, and reached again the first wave of his command, before yielding to exhaustion from his injury.

William J. Donovan, major, One hundred and sixty-fifth Infantry. He led his battalion across the River Ourcq and captured important enemy strongholds near Villers-sur-Fere, France, on July 28–31, 1918. He was in advance of the division for four days, all the while under shell and machine-gun fire from the enemy, who were on three sides of him, and he was repeatedly and persistently counterattacked, being wounded twice. His coolness, courage, and efficient leadership rendered possible the maintenance of this position.

Henry W. Hobson, major, Three hundred and fifty-sixth Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near St. Mihiel, France, September 12, 1918. Within 10 minutes after the beginning of the advance, at 5 a.m., he was twice wounded—in the shoulder by a machine-gun bullet and by shrapnel in the leg. Being in command of the assault battalion and realizing the

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GENERAL ORDERS, No. 43.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, October 23, 1922.

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Sterling Morelock (Army serial No. 2661521), private, Company M, 28th Infantry, 1st Division. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy near Exermont, France, October 4, 1918. While his company was being held up by heavy enemy fire, Private Morelock with three other men who were acting as runners at company headquarters voluntarily lead them as a patrol in advance of his company's front line through an intense rifle, artillery, and machine-gun fire and penetrated a woods which formed the German front line. Encountering a series of five hostile machine-gun nests, containing from one to five machine guns each, with his patrol he cleaned them all out, gained and held complete mastery of the situation until the arrival of his company commander with reinforcements, even though his entire party had become casualties. He rendered first aid to the injured and evacuated them by using as stretcher bearers 10 German prisoners whom he had captured. Soon thereafter his company commander was wounded and while dressing his wound Private Morelock was very severely wounded in the hip, which forced his evacuation. His heroic action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the entire regiment. Residence at enlistment: Oquawka, Ill.

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William Joseph Donovan, colonel, Cavalry Officers' Reserve Corps, then colonel, 165th Infantry, 42d Division. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As battalion commander 165th Infantry, during its operations in the Baccarat sector July 28-31, 1918, he demonstrated high professional attainments and marked ability. He displayed conspicuous energy and most efficient leadership in the advance of his battalion across the Ourcq River and the capture of strong enemy positions. In October, 1918, as lieutenant colonel he commanded the same regiment with marked success and distinction in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. His devotion to duty, heroism, and pronounced qualities of a commander enabled him to successfully accomplish all missions assigned to him in this important operation. From January 3 to March 3, 1919, as inspector-instructor, Provost Marshall General's Department, he rendered services of great value to the American Expeditionary Forces. Residence at appointment: 642 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Frank C. Gerlach, colonel, 145th Infantry, 37th Division. For exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services. As lieutenant colonel, 146th Infantry, from May, 1917, until October, 1918, he organized and developed to a high state of efficiency a training school for commissioned candidates at Camp Sheridan, Ala., and the divisional training school in the Baccarat sector. France. Later, as colonel, 145th Infantry, he commanded his regiment with marked success during the Ypres-Lys offensive, showing at all times great energy, resourcefulness, and splendid leadership, thereby contributing materially to the successes achieved in this important operation. Residence at appointment: 338 Beall Avenue, Wooster, Ohio.

Dana T. Merrill, colonel, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As chief of staff, 37th Division, during its organization, training, and entire combat period he displayed unflagging energy and marked ability. To his zeal, initiative, and military atthinments was due in great measure the success of the division in both the Meuse-Argonne and Ypres-Lys offensives. Address: Care of The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C. Entered military service from Maine.

Alexander E. Williams, colonel, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As chief quartermaster, Army of Occupation, he dis-



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WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, December 30, 1922.

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I_Award of medal of honor.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 9, 1918 (Bul. No. 43, W. D., 1918), as amended by the act of Congress approved April 7, 1922 (Bul. No. 6, W. D., 1922), a medal of honor was awarded by the War Department in the name of Congress to the following-named officer:

William Joseph Donovan, colonel, Cavalry Officers' Reserve Corps, then lieutenant colonel, 165th Infantry, 42d Division. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty near Landres and St. Georges, France, October 14-15, 1918. Colonel Donovan personally led the assaulting wave in an attack upon a very strongly organized position, and when our troops were suffering heavy casualties he encouraged all near him by his example, moving among his men in exposed positions, reorganizing decimated platoons and accompanying them forward in attacks. When he was wounded in the leg by a machine-gun bullet, he refused to be evacuated and continued with his unit until it withdrew to a less exposed position. Residence at appointment: 742 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

The citation on page 13, General Orders, No. 71, War Department. 1919, relating to the award of the oak-leaf cluster for the distinguished-service cross to Col. William J. Donovan, is rescinded.

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II_Awards, posthumous, of medal of honor.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 9, 1918 (Bul. No. 43, W. D., 1918), as amended by the act of Congress approved April 7, 1922 (Bul. No. 6, W. D., 1922), a medal of honor was posthumously awarded by the War

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GENERAL ORDERS

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I..MEDAL OF HONOR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), a Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty was awarded posthumously by the War Department in the name of Congress to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant Raymond O. Beaudoin, O1996633, Army of the United States, was leading the 2d Platoon of Company F, 119th Infantry Regiment, on & April 1945 over flat, open terrain to attack Hameln, Germany, when the enemy went into action with machine guns and automatic weapons, laying down a devastating curtain of fire which pinned his unit to the ground. By rotating men in firing positions, he made it possible for his entire platoon to dig in, defying all the while the murderous enemy fire to encourage his men and to distribute ammunition. He then dug in himself at the most advanced position, where he kept up a steady fire, killing six hostile soldiers and directing his men in inflicting heavy casualties on the numerically superior opposing force. Despite these defensive measures, however, the position of the platoon became more precarious, for the enemy had brought up strong reinforcements and was preparing a counterattack. Three men, sent back at intervals to obtain ammunition and reinforcement:, were killed by sniper fire. To relieve his command from the desperate situation, Lieutenant Beaudoin decided to make a one-man attack on the most damaging enemy sniper nest 90 yards to the right flank and thereby divert attention from the runner who would attempt to pierce the enemy's barrier of bullets and secure help. Crawling over completely exposed ground, he relentlessly advanced, undeterred by eight rounds of bazooka fire which threw mud and stones over him or by rifle fire which ripped his uniform. Ten yards from the enemy position he stood up and charged. At point-blank range he shot and killed two occupants of the nest, a third, who tried to bayonet him, he overpowered and killed with the butt of his carbine, and the fourth adversary was cut down by the platoon's rifle fire as he attempted to fice. He continued his attack by running toward a dugout, but there he was struck and killed by a burst from a machine gun. By his intrepidity, great fighting skill, and supreme devotion to his responsibility for the well-being of his platoon, Lieutenant Beaudoin single-handedly accomplished a mission that enabled a messenger to secure help which saved the stricken unit and made possible the decisive defeat of the German forces.

Private First Class Martin O. May (Army serial No. 32595682), Company H. 307th Infantry Regiment, Army of the United States, gallantly maintained a AGO 2926B—Jan. 678051°—46



three-day stand in the face of terrible odds when American troops fought for possession of the rugged slopes of Iegusuku-Yama on Ie Shima, Ryukyu Islands. On 19 April 1945, after placing his heavy machine gun in an advantageous, yet vulnerable, position on a ridge to support riflemen, he became the target of fierce mortar and small-arms fire from counterattacking Japanese. He repulsed this assault by sweeping the enemy with accurate bursts, while explosions and ricocheting bullets threw blinding dust and dirt about him. He broke up a second counterattack by hurling grenades into the midst of the enemy forces and then refused an opportunity to withdraw, volunteering to maintain his post and cover the movement of American riflemen as they reorganized to meet any further hostile action. The major effort of the enemy did not develop until the morning of 21 April. It found Private May still supporting the rifle company in the face of devastating rifle, machine-gun, and mortar fire. While most of the friendly troops about him became casualties, he continued to fire his machine gun until he was severely wounded and his gun rendered useless by the burst of a mortar shell. Refusing to withdraw from the violent action, he blasted fanatical Japanese troops with hand grenades until wounded again, this time mortally. By his intrepidity and the extreme tenacity, with which he held firm until death against overwhelming forces, Private May killed at least 16 Japanese, was largely responsible for maintaining the American lines, and inspired his comrades to efforts which later resulted in complete victory and seizure of the mountain stronghold.

II..DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in the performance of duties of great responsibility during the periods indicated was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Herman Feldman*, O5724, United States Army. October 1943 to October 1944.

Brigadier General *Elbert L. Ford*, O5251, United States Army. April 1944 to September 1945.

Colonel Edwin C. Kelton, O3786, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. October 1943 to April 1945.

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, O6530, United States Army. October 1940 to December 1945.

Colonel John B. Montgomery, O21546, General Staff Corps, United States Army. January to August 1945.

Brigadier General Bob E. Nowland, O10826, United States Army. August 1944 to October 1945.

Colonel Kenneth Pierce, O12385, General Staff Corps, United States Army. July 1944 to September 1945.

Brigadier General John M. Willems, O16176, United States Army. June 1944 to May 1945.

Major General Ralph H. Wooten, O6649, United States Army. May 1944 to October 1945.

III. DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Distinguished-Service Medal awarded by the War Department to Major General William J. Donovan, as published in WD General Orders 43, 1922, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in the performance of duties of great responsibility during the period indicated was awarded to him by the

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War Department under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Major General William J. Donovan, O102383, Army of the United States. .

June 1942 to August 1945.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Distinguished-Service Medal awarded by the War Department to Major General Clements McMullen, as published in WD General Orders 67, 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in the performance of duties of great responsibility during the period indicated was awarded to him by the War Department under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Major General Clements McMullen, O10727, United States Army. October

1944 to September 1945.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Distinguished-Service Medal awarded by the War Department to Major General Henry Conger Pratt, as published in WD General Orders 35, 1943, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in the performance of duties of great responsibility during the period indicated was awarded to him by the War Department under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Major General Henry Conger Pratt, O1930, United States Army. December

1944 to December 1945.

IV..SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action was awarded posthumously by the War Department to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class Roy W. Muslett (Army serial No. 19020265), Air Corps, Army of the United States, near Sindangen, Zamboanga, Mindanao, P. I., on 7 September 1944, was a prisoner of war aboard an enemy ship when it was torpedoed. Without a weapon, he attacked an enemy officer who was directing the execution of the unarmed and injured Americans as they endeavored to escape from the fast-sinking ship. Private Musfelt, who lost his life while struggling with the enemy officer in an effort to save his comrades, demonstrated high courage and gallant self-sacrifice.

V. LEGION OF MERIT.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period indicated was awarded posthumously by the War Department to the following-named officer:

Captain Brooke Dolan, 0901154, Air Corps, Army of the United States. October

1942 to July 1943.

VI. LEGION OF MERIT.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods indicated was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Colonel Percy G. Black. O5268, General Staff Corps (Field Artillery),

United States Army. September 1939 to October 1945.

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