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BATTLE HONORS—List of battles and campaigns----- I
RESCISSION—War Department general orders----- II

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

ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATER

1. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

- a. *Combat zone.*—Philippine Islands and adjacent waters.
- b. *Time limitation.*—7 December 1941 to 10 May 1942.

2. BURMA, 1942.—This pertains to operations on the Burmese mainland during the period indicated, and to such local air operations as were directly concerned therewith.

- a. *Combat zone.*—Geographical limits of Burma.
- b. *Time limitation.*—7 December 1941 to 26 May 1942.

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC.

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

b. *Time limitation.*—7 December 1941 to 6 December 1943 (except as indicated in a above).

4. EAST INDIES.

a. *Combat zone.*—Southwest Pacific Area less the Philippine Islands and less that portion of Australia south of latitude 21° south.

b. *Time limitation.*—1 January 1942 to 22 July 1942.

5. INDIA-BURMA.

a. *Combat zone.*—Those parts of India, Burma, and enemy-held territory lying beyond the following line: The Assam-Thibet border at east longitude 95°45', thence due south to latitude 27°32' north; thence due west to SADIYA branch of SADIYA-DIBRUGARH railway (exclusive); thence southwest along railway to TINSUKIA (exclusive); thence south along Bengal and Assam railway to NAMRUP (exclusive); thence southwestward through MOKEUCHUNG, KOHIMA, IMPHAL, and AIJAL to CHITTAGONG (all inclusive); also adjacent waters.

b. *Time limitation.*—2 April 1942 to 23 January 1945.

6. AIR OFFENSIVE, JAPAN.

a. *Combat zone.*—The Islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu, the enemy owned portion of Karufuto, and the Kurile, Bonin, and Ryukyu Islands, including the immediately adjacent waters.

b. *Time limitation.*—17 April 1942. Final date to be announced later.

7. ALEUTIAN ISLANDS.

a. *Combat zone.*—The area bounded by longitude 165° west, and 170° east, and by latitudes 50° and 55° north.

b. *Time limitation.*—3 June 1942 to 24 August 1943.

8. CHINA.

a. *Combat zone.*—Enemy-held portions of China and contiguous countries, plus a zone 50 miles in width extending into territory held by allied forces.

b. *Time limitation.*—4 July 1942. Final date to be announced later.

9. PAPUA.

a. Combat zone.—Southwest Pacific Area less that portion of Australia south of latitude 21° south and east of longitude 140° east.

b. Time limitation.—23 July 1942 to 23 January 1943.

10. GUADALCANAL.

a. Combat zone.—Solomon Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—7 August 1942 to 21 February 1943.

11. NEW GUINEA.

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

b. Time limitation.—24 January 1943 to 31 December 1944.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for this campaign may be awarded by the theater commander to units or individuals who actually engaged the enemy after 31 December 1944.

12. NORTHERN SOLOMONS.

a. Combat zone.—Solomon Islands north and west of Russell Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and adjacent waters, except that the Bismarck Archipelago and adjacent waters will be included from 22 February to 14 December 1943 only. Effective 1 October 1944 the combat zone is limited to Bougainville Island and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—22 February 1943 to 21 November 1944.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for this campaign may be awarded by the theater commander to units or individuals who actually engaged the enemy after 21 November 1944.

13. EASTERN MANDATES.

a. Combat zone.—That portion of the Central Pacific Area lying between longitude 180° and longitude 150° east, excluding the Gilbert Islands.

b. Time limitation.—7 December 1943 (air). Final date for air to be announced later. 31 January 1944 (ground) to 14 June 1944.

14. BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO.

a. Combat zone.—Bismarck Archipelago and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—15 December 1943 to 27 November 1944.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for this campaign may be awarded by the theater commander to units or individuals who actually engaged the enemy after 27 November 1944.

15. WESTERN PACIFIC.

a. Combat zone.—That portion of the Central Pacific Area lying west of longitude 150° east, less the main islands of Japan, the Bonin-Vulcan and the Ryukyu Island chains, and the immediately adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—17 April 1944 (air); 15 June 1944 (ground). Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

16. SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

a. Combat zone.—The Philippine Islands, exclusive of Luzon, lying south of latitude 13°35' north, and the adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—17 October 1944. Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

17. LUZON.

a. Combat zone.—The Island of Luzon, other Philippine Islands lying north of latitude 13°35' north, and the adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—9 January 1945. Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

18. CENTRAL BURMA.

a. Combat zone.—That portion of the India-Burma Theater and enemy-held territory lying south and east of the following line: Latitude 25°24' from the Burma-China boundary to Chindwin River, excluding Myitkyina thence along east bank of Chindwin River to Kalewa (exclusive), thence straight to Chittagong (exclusive), thence southward along the coast to the 92d meridian, thence due south.

b. Time limitation.—29 January 1945. Final date to be announced later.

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. EGYPT-LIBYA.

a. Combat zone.—Those parts of Egypt and Libya lying west of 80° east longitude to 6 November 1942, and west of 25° east longitude thereafter, and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—11 June 1942 to 12 February 1943.

2. AIR OFFENSIVE, EUROPE.

a. Combat zone.—European Theater of Operations exclusive of the land areas of the United Kingdom and Iceland.

b. Time limitation.—4 July 1942 to 5 June 1944.

3. ALGERIA-FRENCH MOROCCO.

a. Combat zone.—Algeria, French Morocco, and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—8 to 11 November 1942.

4. TUNISIA.

a. Combat zone.—Tunisia and Algeria east of a north-south line through Constantine, and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—8 November 1942 (air), 17 November 1942 (ground), to 13 May 1943.

5. SICILY.

a. Combat zone.—Sicily and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—14 May 1943 (air), 9 July 1943 (ground), to 17 August 1943.

6. NAPLES-FOGGIA.

a. Combat zone.—Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica, and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—18 August 1943 (air), 9 September 1943 (ground), to 21 January 1944.

7. ROME-ARNO.

a. Combat zone.—Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica, and adjacent waters to include 15 August 1944; thereafter that portion of the Italian mainland and its adjacent waters north of 42° north latitude.

b. Time limitation.—22 January 1944. Final date to be announced later.

8. NORMANDY.

a. Combat zone.—European theater of operations exclusive of the land areas of the United Kingdom and Iceland.

b. Time limitation.—6 June 1944 to 24 July 1944.

9. NORTHERN FRANCE.

a. Combat zone.—European Theater of Operations exclusive of the land areas of the United Kingdom and Iceland.

b. *Time limitation*.—25 July to 14 September 1944.

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

10. SOUTHERN FRANCE.

a. *Combat zone*.—Those portions of France (exclusive of Corsica) occupied by forces assigned to the North African Theater of Operations, and adjacent waters.

b. *Time limitation*.—15 August to 14 September 1944.

11. GERMANY.

a. *Combat zone*.—Those portions of France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany east of the line: Franco-Belgian frontier to 4° east longitude, thence south along that meridian to 47° latitude, thence east along that parallel to 5° east longitude, thence south along that meridian to the Mediterranean coast.

b. *Time limitation*.—15 September 1944. Final date to be announced later.

12. ARDENNES.

a. *Combat zone*.—The area forward of the line: Enskircheneupen (inclusive)—Liege (exclusive), east bank of Meuse River to its intersection with the Franco-Belgian border, thence south and east along this border and the southern border of Luxembourg.

b. *Time limitation*.—16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945.

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

ALL THEATERS OF OPERATIONS

1. ANTISUBMARINE (where not incident to a named battle or campaign for which the unit otherwise receives credit).

a. *Combat zone*.—All theaters of operations and defense commands.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941. Final date to be announced later.

2. GROUND COMBAT (not included in one of the above campaigns).

a. *Combat zone*.—All theater of operations.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941. Final date to be announced later.

3. AIR COMBAT (not included in one of the above campaigns).

a. *Combat zone*.—All theaters of operations.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941. Final date to be announced later.

II. RESCISSION.—The following War Department general orders, pertaining to battles and campaigns, are rescinded:

Year	Number	Section	Year	Number	Section
1943	75		1944	80	VI
1943	83	III	1944	89	VI, VII
1944	17	V, VI	1945	92	X
1944	49	III	1945	28	IV, V

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