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Chapter CC47--Recognition and Awards
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Personnel INSTRUCTION 1--Decorations

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Section A. Purpose and Scope

The regulations set forth in Section B of this INSTRUCTION prescribe the types of military or foreign decorations which may be worn by the PHS commissioned officers and the conditions under which such decorations may be worn.

Section B. Decorations

AUTHORITY Sec. 215, St Stat. 690, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 216, E.O. 9993, 13 FIR 5093, as amended 3 CPR 1943-1948 come.

§ 21.251 Military, naval, or foreign government decorations.

(a) *Decorations evidencing service.* For service in time of war or service in any theatre of operations under circumstances and conditions comparable to service performed by members of the armed forces, commissioned officers of the Service shall be authorized to wear medals, ribbons, or decorations authorized to be worn by members of the armed services to signify such service, such authorization to be governed by the same rules and regulations as are prescribed for the armed forces. No

decoration evidencing participation in a particular campaign or engagement shall be worn unless an officer was or is detailed to one of the armed services and was or is assigned to a unit awarded such decoration. No officer shall be entitled to wear a decoration awarded by any of the armed services to their members to signify service in time of peace unless an officer was or is detailed to one of the armed services and is authorized by the service to which detailed to wear such decoration.

(b) *Decorations evidencing personal merit.* Commissioned officers may be awarded, and may accept and wear, military ribbons, decorations, or medals awarded by the United States or by a foreign government for personal merit or achievement under the

same circumstances as may now or hereafter be provided by law in the case of members of the armed forces of the United States.

§ 21.252 Wound or service chevrons; overseas service bars.

Commissioned officers who served with the Army during World War I may wear on an Army type uniform, with respect to such service, the wound or service chevrons as prescribed by the Army (see 10 CFR, 1944 Supp., 709.27). One overseas service bar is authorized to be worn by commissioned officers of an Army type uniform, as prescribed in Army regulations (see 10 CFR, 1946 Supp., 709.27(d)), for each period of 6 months of active service outside the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska from December 7, 1941, to September 2, 1946, both dates inclusive.

§ 21.253 Other medals, ribbons, or badges.

Commissioned officers may wear medals, ribbons, or badges awarded to them by the Treasury Department. The distinctive badges adopted by military, hereditary, and patriotic societies composed of persons or descendants of persons who served in the armed forces of the United States or in the Service during the Colonial wars, the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the First World War, and the Second World War, respectively, may be worn on all occasions of ceremony by commissioned officers who are regular members of such organizations and entitled by their rules to wear such decorations.