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II. DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD 1918), the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Forces, Pacific, to the following-named officers:

First Lieutenant FRANK RAUSCHKOLB, 0753244, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action off Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 4 March 1945. Lieutenant Rauschkolb, pilot of a Catalina type rescue plane, landed near the enemy-held shore to pick up the crew of an American bomber forced down at sea. Sighting the survivors on a raft exposed to fire from five enemy barges armed with 20mm and 50 caliber guns, he calmly carried out the rescue while strafing bombers held off the hostile vessels. Then, learning that another bomber had crashed five hundred yards off shore, he taxied to the position and under intense fire took the crew aboard. Although the plane was then being flooded through leaks caused by enemy hits, he taxied toward a third bomber which had been forced down, and picked up its crew. By this time the after hatches were flooded with two feet of water and the overloading of the plane made it necessary to jettison all of the ammunition and four hundred gallons of gasoline. After three attempts had been made to take off, the damaged and overloaded plane was finally airborne, and returned safely with the survivors. Lieutenant Rauschkolb's coolness and outstanding heroism in carrying out a large scale rescue under enemy fire were directly responsible for saving the lives of seventeen American flyers. Address: RFD #1, Freewater, Oregon.

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By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,  
Lieutenant General, United States Army,  
Chief of Staff.

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/s/ B. M. Fitch,  
/T/ B. M. FITCH,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Adjutant General.

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CHARLES L. LAUWERS,  
Captain, Air Corps.

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