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The Department publishes for the information of the service the following correspondence:

(Extract from a report by Lieut. N. E. Irwin.)

2 On June 20th, 1900, Captain Baly, the senior British officer, requested me to send some men to assist his men to burn the shacks and salt ricks across the river opposite the bund, from behind which the Chinese were sniping his men. I sent two squads of eight men each, one squad being in charge of Corporal E. N. Appleton, U. S. M. C., who had returned to Tien Tsin with despatches from Captain McCalla. Appleton left five of his men to cover the landing, and taking Privates Burnes and Heisch and Coal Passer S. McAllister with him across the river in a small boat under a heavy fire and succeeded in setting fire to the cover in that vicinity. I enclose herewith Appleton's report on this matter, and for this act of extraordinary heroism I strongly recommend that these men be given medals of honor.

With reference to the above-quoted correspondence, the Board of Awards recommended that Corpl. E. N. Appleton and Privates Burnes and Heisch, U. S. M. C., and fireman, second class, McAllister, of the *Monocary*, receive medals of honor and gratuities for crossing the river at Tientsin, June 20, 1900, under a heavy fire and destroying buildings occupied by the enemy.

This recommendation having been concurred in by the Commander in Chief of the Asiatic Station, the Department has accordingly awarded to Corpl. Edwin Nelson Appleton, U. S. M. C., to Privates James Burnes and Henry William Heisch, U. S. M. C., and to fireman, second class, S. McAllister, medals of honor and a gratuity of \$100 each for crossing the river at Tientsin, China, June 20, 1900, under a heavy fire and destroying buildings occupied by the enemy.

JOHN D. LONG,
Secretary.