

Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, it is hereby ordered as follows:

The functions, powers, and duties, with respect to placing orders for materials, supplies, equipment, work, or services, of any kind that any requisitioned Federal agency may be in a position to supply, or to render or to obtain by contract, which are vested in the War Department, Navy Department, Treasury Department, Civil Aeronautics Administration, and the Maritime Commission under section 7 (a) of the act of May 21, 1920 (41 Stat. 613), as amended by section 601 of the act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 417), and the act of July 20, 1942 (56 Stat. 661, 31 U.S.C., 686) may be exercised also by the War Food Administration, and by any constituent agency or corporation thereof designated by the War Food Administrator. Any provision of any Executive order or proclamation conflicting with this order is superseded to the extent of such conflict.

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,

January 29, 1944

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER 9419

##### BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

There is hereby established the Bronze Star Medal, with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances, for award to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States on or after December 7, 1941, distinguishes, or has distinguished, himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military or naval operations against an enemy of the United States.

The Bronze Star Medal and appurtenances thereto shall be of appropriate design approved by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, and may be awarded by the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy, or by such commanding officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard as the said Secretaries may respectively designate. Awards shall be made under such regulations as the said Secretaries shall sev-

erally prescribe, and such regulations shall, so far as practicable, be of uniform application.

No more than one Bronze Star Medal shall be awarded to any one person, but for each succeeding heroic or meritorious achievement or service justifying such an award a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with the medal as prescribed by appropriate regulations. The Bronze Star Medal or device may be awarded posthumously, and, when so awarded, may be presented to such representative of the deceased as may be designated in the award.

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,

February 4, 1944

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER 9420

AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO TAKE POSSESSION OF AND OPERATE THE PLANTS AND FACILITIES OF THE ARKWRIGHT CORPORATION, BERKSHIRE FINE SPINNING ASSOCIATES, INC., BORDER CITY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, BOURNE MILLS, HOWARD ARTHUR MILLS, RICHARD BORDEN MANUFACTURING COMPANY, AND SAGAMORE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, IN AND ABOUT FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

WHEREAS after investigation I find and proclaim that as a result of a labor disturbance there is an interruption of the operation of the plants and facilities of the Arkwright Corporation, Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc., Border City Manufacturing Company, Bourne Mills, Howard Arthur Mills, Richard Borden Manufacturing Company, and Sagamore Manufacturing Company, in and about Fall River, Massachusetts, and that the war effort is being and will be unduly impeded or delayed by this interruption:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, particularly the War Labor Disputes Act of June 25, 1943 (Public Law, 78th Cong.), as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to take possession of the plants and facilities of the companies hereinafter named, and to the extent deemed desirable by him of any additional textile plants, facilities or installations situated