## **President Truman presents the Medal of Merit**



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## **Description**

President Harry S. Truman in the oval office with four men who received the Medal of Merit. L to R: W. John Kenney, Undersecretary of the Navy; W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force; President Truman; James Forrestal, Secretary of Defense; and John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy. Standing in the back on the left is Admiral William D. Leahy. Standing in the back on the right is Eben Ayers. Others are unidentified. Date(s)

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8x10 inches (21x26 cm) Black & White

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People Pictured Kenney, W. John, 1904-1992 Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972 Forrestal, James, 1892-1949 Sullivan, John L. (John Lawrence), 1899-1982 Symington, Stuart, 1901-1988 Ayers, Eben A., 1890-1977 Leahy, William D. (William Daniel), 1875-1959

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