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I. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July, 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), a Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Sergeant *Mehmet Ergin*, 18012, Infantry, Turkish Army, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy near Sanggorangp'o, Korea, on 28-29 May 1953. His unit was dispatched to reinforce Outpost Vegas, which was under heavy enemy attack. Upon arrival he found the strength of friendly forces depleted and the enemy holding a portion of the position. Organizing his forces, he led them through heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire in a valiant counterattack which drove the enemy back several hundred meters. When the enemy launched a counterattack against the newly won positions, he successfully met the attack and stopped the enemy's advance, forcing their withdrawal. With complete disregard for personal safety he moved from one position to another encouraging his men despite heavy barrages of artillery and mortar fire. Later, using grenades and any weapon at his disposal, he led his unit forward again in counterattack, which succeeded in driving the enemy from the last friendly position under their control. His actions made it possible for friendly forces to regain control of a major outpost while inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy forces. Sergeant *Ergin's* aggressive courage, determined devotion to duty and inspiring leadership reflect the highest credit on himself and the Turkish Army, and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.

Captain *Sinasi Sukan*, 937-7, Turkish Army, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism near Sanggorangp'o, Korea, on 29 May 1953. He voluntarily accompanied one of his platoons ordered to reinforce Outpost Carson which was under heavy enemy attack. Upon hearing that both Outposts Carson and Elko had been surrounded he led his troops in a successful counterattack breaking through enemy lines, retaking Outpost Elko. He then quickly deployed his forces for defense, cautioning his men of the necessity of holding the position at all costs. He obtained a carbine and resupply of grenades and moved forward to an exposed position in a critical sector of the Outpost. Although exposed to a continuous devastating mortar and artillery barrage he moved constantly around the fighting positions, encouraging the men, directing fire and fighting with grenades and any weapon he could find, killing an estimated seventy-five enemy himself. After fighting continuously for 16 hours he was wounded but refused to be evacuated. Captain *Sukan's* inspirational leadership, heroic actions and consummate devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and the Turkish Army, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II..DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major General *Ridgely Gaither*, , United States Army. 18 April 1953 to 30 April 1955.

Major General *Julius K. Lacey*, , United States Air Force. 20 October 1953 to 2 June 1955.

Lieutenant Colonel *Donald R. Nugent*, , United States Marine Corps. 24 June 1946 to 6 April 1955.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster), for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

General *Charles L. Botté*, , United States Army. 1 October 1953 to 30 April 1955.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished Service Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster), for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

General *John B. Hull*, , United States Army. 7 October 1953 to 1 April 1955.

III..SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Corporal *Song Kap Saing*, , (then Private First Class), Republic of Korea Army, a member of the 11th Company, 62d Regiment, 20th Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in Korea on 17 June 1953. While participating with his platoon in an attack on "Hill M-1," Corporal *Song* suddenly dashed up the west side of the hill and destroyed a bunker with hand grenades, killing nine of its defenders. In eliminating this strong-point he captured a light machine gun and two submachine guns and pressed his attack on the remainder of the demoralized and fleeing enemy to inflict additional casualties. Inspired by Corporal *Song's* heroic and aggressive action, the platoon swept up the hill to rout the remaining enemy defenders and secure the objective. The gallantry and spirited determination demonstrated by Corporal *Song* in this action reflects the utmost credit on himself and the Republic of Korea Army.

IV..LEGION OF MERIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Frederic L. Hayden*, , United States Army. 10 February to 27 November 1954.

Colonel *Robert L. Walton*, , Infantry, United States Army. 7 September 1954 to 20 January 1955.

V. LEGION OF MERIT. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Air Vice Marshal *Denis H. F. Barnett*, , Royal Air Force, 29 October 1952 to 5 March 1954.

Colonel *Romulo Antonio Fernandez*, Venezuelan Armed Forces.

General *Giorgio Luzzati*, Italian Army.

Lieutenant General *Giuseppe Pizzorno*, Italian Army. 15 December 1950 to 12 October 1954.

Major General *Nicanor Guimaraes de Souza*, Brazilian Army. October 1944 to November 1954.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel *Altamiro da Fonseca Braga*, Brazilian Army. August 1934 to November 1954.

Brigadier General *Martin Diaz Tamayo*, Cuban Army.

Colonel *Roger Villadrouin*, Haitian Army. December 1951 to October 1954.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *Raul Jose Castro Gomez*, Army of Venezuela. April 1952 to March 1955.

Lieutenant Colonel *Carlos Iniesta*, Army of Spain. 25 March 1953 to 3 March 1955.

Colonel *Oscar Izurieta*, Chilean Army. April 1953 to February 1955.

Lieutenant Colonel *Leslie D. King*, , Australian Army. 15 January 1952 to 15 May 1954.

VI. SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926) the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant *Vincent H. Allen, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States Army, a member of Headquarters 548th Field Artillery Battalion, distinguished himself by heroism at Lake Ozark, Missouri, on 28 May 1954. Lieutenant *Allen*, along with his wife and ten other passengers was aboard a motor boat after there had been heavy storms in the area on the date of the accident. The boat was about 10 minutes out from the dock when a storm struck with great fury causing the boat to capsize in some two or three hundred feet of water. Fully aware of the treacherous tide and the danger that the twisting boat might lurch against him, Lieutenant *Allen* dived under the capsized boat and broke open a compartment securing the life jackets. It was necessary for him to dive under

the capsized boat three or four times. He would return to the surface, distribute the life jackets to those survivors still on top of the water and once again dive under the capsized boat for additional life jackets. He further assisted in aiding some of the passengers to a position on top of the capsized boat. After rendering all possible assistance at the immediate scene he advised the survivors that he was swimming ashore to get help. Shortly thereafter the storm subsided and Lieutenant *Allen* and his wife were picked up a few yards from shore by a rescue boat returning to the dock after picking up other survivors at the scene of the accident. Lieutenant *Allen's* prompt, brave, and thoughtful action was undoubtedly a major factor in saving the lives of the survivors reflecting credit on himself and the military service.

Corporal *Richard E. Bohn*, , Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 28th Infantry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colorado, distinguished himself by heroism on 18 February 1955. While engaged in throwing live grenades as a part of regular training at Fort Carson, a soldier dropped an armed grenade. Without considering his own safety Corporal *Bohn* immediately picked up the grenade, threw it to a point where it exploded harmlessly, and he pulled the other soldier to a place of safety. Corporal *Bohn's* quick thinking, selfless exposure to certain death, and initiative reflect the highest credit on himself and his unit and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant *Donald L. Donner*, , (then Second Lieutenant), Artillery, United States Army, a member of the 538th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Carson on 11 August 1954. Lieutenant *Donner* extinguished a fire in an M-48 tank at a fueling point near the battalion motor shop where a fire had started while the tank was being refueled. All efforts to put out the blaze had failed and all personnel, including the crew of the tank, had retreated to a safer distance, fearing an explosion. At this time Lieutenant *Donner* arrived with a CO, fire extinguisher, and, in the face of previous unsuccessful efforts to extinguish the blaze, and the possibility of an explosion, Lieutenant *Donner*, with total disregard for his life and personal safety, approached the fire and quickly put it out. This act saved the Government thousands of dollars in loss of equipment and averted possible injury to personnel in the vicinity, reflecting credit on himself and the military service.

Lieutenant Colonel *William C. Fite, II*, , Infantry, United States Army, a member of the 7502d Army Unit (Personnel Center), Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, distinguished himself by outstanding heroism in the rescue of a brother officer near Cerro Gordo, Puerto Rico on 7 November 1954. While swimming at Cerro Gordo, Puerto Rico, Lieutenant Colonel *Fite* observed a brother officer being knocked from a small boat by high waves and being swept into an extremely dangerous area of high, rolling breakers. Lieutenant Colonel *Fite* unhesitatingly, and at great personnel risk, entered the dangerous breakers and towed the injured officer to a place of quiet water and safety. Lieutenant Colonel *Fite's* heroic action saved the life of a brother officer at a decided risk to his own. Such action reflects the greatest credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *David O. Mac Nichol*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army, a member of the 584th Transportation Detachment (Marine Maintenance), distinguished himself by heroism at the Charleston Transportation Depot, United States Army, North Charleston, South Carolina, on 15 February 1955. At about 1600 hours, a civilian employee of the Charleston Transportation Depot, United States Army, fell into the Cooper River from the

BPL 6666F on which he was working. There was a swift tide flowing, and the water temperature was approximately 45° F. Private *Mac Nichol*, who was in the vicinity, without hesitation, fully aware of the swift tide, and without regard for his own safety, plunged into the water fully clothed. He swam approximately 25 yards to the rescue of the civilian employee, overpowered him and swam with him to a nearby tugboat where the two men were pulled out of the water by bystanders. Private *Mac Nichol's* prompt and courageous action saved the man from drowning, and reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Jesus T. Rosario*, _____, United States Army, a member of Battery C. 466th AAA Battalion, March Air Force Base, California, distinguished himself by heroic action on 16 September 1954. On or about 1600 hours on 16 September 1954, Sergeant *Rosario*, a passenger on a 5-ton truck towing a 75-mm gun was returning from Camp Irwin, California, en route to March Air Force Base. As the truck started down Cajon Pass the brakes failed. Due to inertia and the slope of the pass the truck picked up an excessive amount of speed causing the transmission of the truck to explode. Sergeant *Rosario*, who at the time was riding in the bed of the truck along with five other men, made his way down the tow bar of the gun and across the gun itself and applied the mechanical brakes on the rear bogie of the gun. The truck was travelling in excess of 70 miles per hour for approximately 4 miles according to a California state highway patrolman, who was attempting to clear the road for the runaway vehicle. There were turns in the road a short distance from the place the truck stopped that would have been impossible for the truck and gun to negotiate at its speed. Sergeant *Rosario's* action and complete disregard for his personal safety saved several lives, both military and civilian, in addition to several hundred thousand dollars of Government property reflecting credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Jessie T. Washington*, _____, Armor, United States Army, a member of Company A, 30th Tank Battalion, School Troops, Fort Knox, Kentucky, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Knox on 29 January 1955. While acting in the capacity of driver of a M-41 medium tank during a period of instruction for an armor officer basic class, Private *Washington's* vehicle was struck by an uncontrolled moving tank. The collision and the following rapid movements of the vehicles caused an officer passenger to lose his footing and fall towards the tread of the oncoming tank. In spite of the imminent danger of being crushed himself, Private *Washington* unhesitatingly, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, pulled the stricken Lieutenant to safety. He then returned to the controls of his tank and drove it and its passengers from possible danger. Private *Washington's* prompt and courageous action in the face of grave danger reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

VII...BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Captain *Mekonnen Atnafu*, Infantry, Ethiopian Army, April 1951 to April 1952.

Brigadier General *Boriboon Ohulacharitta*, _____, (then Colonel), Infantry. Royal Thai Army. 7 November 1950 to 26 May 1951.

Colonel *Paik Ki Hang*, then Lieutenant Colonel, Republic of Korea Army.
21 January 1953 to 15 April 1954.

Corporal *William O. Hansen*, , United States Army. 2 November
1950 to 8 August 1953.

Master Sergeant *Henry O. Leerkamp*, , (then Sergeant First
Class), Infantry, United States Army. 2 July to 15 July 1950.

Captain *Tedla Mihretab*, , Ethiopian Army. April 1951 to April 1952.

Captain *Giorgis G. Siyum*, , Infantry, Ethiopian Army. April 1951 to
April 1952.

Major *Mariam T. Terefe*, , Ethiopian Army. April 1951 to April 1952.

VIII..BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal with "V" device (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Captain *Bernard H. Radoszewski*, , Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company L, 9th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic conduct in action near Yaju, Korea, on 14 February 1951. His company was in position several miles forward of friendly front lines with orders to hold a critical road junction when the enemy launched a determined attack with numerically superior forces. As the battle raged severe casualties were suffered, communications were out of action, important terrain was lost, and the situation was deteriorating very rapidly. Throughout the severe fighting Captain *Radoszewski* displayed outstanding leadership and courage. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire maintaining liaison and contact between units under fire. When ammunition shortages became critical Captain *Radoszewski* personally secured and carried ammunition from abandoned vehicles of the Reconnaissance Company which permitted the inflicting of further heavy casualties on the attacking forces. Despite the fact that he was wounded during the action, he assisted in evacuating wounded comrades to less exposed areas. Captain *Radoszewski's* courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Captain *Doyle C. Vincent*, Armor (then Infantry), . Army of the United States, Headquarters Company First Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against an enemy of the United States near Untaek, Korea, on 27 November 1950. During an engagement in which his battalion was the principal friendly participant, two vehicles were abandoned in territory afterward held by the enemy. On the day following the engagement, Captain *Vincent*, the battalion motor officer, led a 6-man patrol nearly 20 miles into territory occupied by enemy forces with the mission of recovering these vehicles. Although repeatedly subjected to enemy harassing fire, Captain *Vincent* executed his mission with such personal courage, leadership, and professional competence that the recovery mission was completely successful, and two vitally needed vehicles were recovered without casualties to Captain *Vincent's* party. Captain *Vincent's* performance of duty on this occasion reflects great credit on himself, his organization, and the United States Army.

IX..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under paragraph 20, AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Major *Lewis W. Sawby*, , Infantry, United States Army. 17 December 1951 to 15 December 1954.

Sergeant First Class *George N. LaFleur*, , United States Army. 5 January to 23 February 1955.

Corporal *Paul T. Trainor*, , United States Army. 8 August to 20 December 1954.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under paragraph 20, AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Private *Roy B. Collins*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 13 October 1954.

Master Sergeant *Harold L. Farmer*, , Armor, United States Army. 5 July 1954.

Private First Class *Remoyok D. Henderson*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 12 January to 20 January 1955.

Private First Class *Paul E. Meacham*, , United States Army. 28 January 1955.

Sergeant *William C. Messerschmied*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 18 July 1953.

Sergeant *James R. Parker*, , United States Army. 12 February 1955.

Sergeant *Franklin G. Turner*, , Infantry, United States Army. 12 October 1954.

Private First Class *William R. Walsh, Jr.*, , United States Army. 26 January 1955.

Sergeant *Park O. Whittenberger*, , United States Army. 23 November 1954.

X..LEGION OF MERIT. So much of paragraph 2, section III, General Orders 92, 1953, as pertains to award of the Legion of Merit (second Oak Leaf Cluster) to Brigadier General *Ralph M. Osborne*, , is amended to read "This award supersedes award of the Legion of Merit (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) as announced in General Orders Number 86, Headquarters Far East Command, 17 September 1953, for the period 6 November 1952 to 27 July 1953."

XI..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. 1. So much of paragraph 2, section IV, General Orders 21, 1955, as pertains to the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement to Captain *Wilbur Hoberg*, , as reads "Captain *Wilbur Hoberg*" is amended to read "Captain *Wilbur Hoberg*."

2. So much of section XIII, WD, General Orders 88, 1947, as pertains to Technical Sergeant *Maurice Ruderman* (Army serial No.), Air Corps, Army of the United States, and reads "Army Commendation Ribbon" is amended to read "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster)."

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