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I..DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. 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 is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major General *Edmund B. Sebree,* United States Army. January 1946 to March 1957.

II..SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *Joseph A. Giddings, Jr.,* Artillery, United States Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action while serving as an artillery forward observer attached to Company B, 31st Infantry Regiment. during operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Koto-ri, North Korea, on the night of 29–30 November 1950. When cut off by the enemy with a composite group of United States Army, United States Marines, British Marines, and Republic of Korea soldiers, Lieutenant *Giddings,* unable to perform his normal duties due to lack of communications, assisted his company commander in defensive operations against a determined enemy. Lieutenant *Giddings* exhibited indomitable courage and outstanding leadership by his efforts in repeatedly repulsing enemy attacks. He organized and defended a portion of the perimeter defense which was singled out by the enemy for his strongest attacks. By his personal example, he served as an inspiration to the men around him. He continually exposed himself to enemy fire in order to locate the enemy and intelligently direct the defense of his position. Lieutenant *Giddings'* courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military services of his country.

III..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 10600, 15 March 1955 (Sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Colonel *Leo J. Query,* Military Intelligence (Infantry), United States Army. 10 December 1955 to 15 November 1956.

IV..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, 1955), 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:

Colonel *Joseph P. Ahern*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 29 October 1954 to 24 April 1956.

Colonel *Barnet W. Beers*, Infantry, United States Army. 1 October 1955 to 31 July 1956.

Major General *Howard L. Peckham*, United States Army. 1946 to 30 November 1956.

Brigadier General *Frederick T. Voorhees*, United States Army. 1 November 1954 to 16 September 1955 and 15 March 1956 to 13 September 1956.

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, 1955), the Legion of Merit (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Theodore F. Bogart*, United States Army. 14 July 1954 to 31 July 1956.

Major General *Boniface Campbell*, United States Army. November 1945 to December 1956.

Major General *John C. Macdonald*, United States Army. June 1945 to December 1956.

Major General *Harry Reichelderfer*, United States Army. March 1946 to November 1956.

Major General *Oscar P. Snyder*, Dental Corps, United States Army, 27 April 1948 to 30 November 1956.

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, WD Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit (second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Brigadier General *Rothwell H. Brown*, United States Army. January 1947 to September 1956.

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, WD Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit (Degree of Chief Commander) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

General *Chung Il Kwon*, Republic of Korea Army. 14 February 1954 to 27 June 1956.

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, WD Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major General *Ghazi Mohammed Al-Daghistani*, Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Army of Iraq. March 1954 to January 1957.

Colonel *Ricardo Ramos Flores*, Mexican Army. October 1953 to October 1956.

VI..DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), a Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *Selmer A. Sundby,* Transportation Corps, United States Army. 18 August 1956 to 16 October 1956.

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

Specialist Second Class *Patrick J. Biase,* Military Police Corps, United States Army, 46th Military Police Detachment (CI), distinguished himself by heroism at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. As the Military Police Criminal Investigator on duty on the night of 10 September 1956, Specialist *Biase* observed a member of the military service in the act of committing suicide by slashing his throat with a knife. Without regard for his own safety, Specialist *Biase* grappled with the potential suicide in an attempt to disarm him. In the ensuing struggles over the knife, Specialist *Biase* was wounded in the left leg. Disregarding his own wound, Specialist *Biase* continued the struggle until he did disarm the subject. Forcing him to remain in a sitting position, Specialist *Biase* applied a compress to the neck wounds until the arrival of the ambulance. His courageous and prompt action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Specialist Second Class *Robert E. Martin,* (then Specialist Third Class), Army Medical Service, United States Army, Medical Company, 503d Airborne Infantry, distinguished himself by heroism at Rock Drop Zone, Munich, Germany, on 5 June 1956. While participating in a routine training jump from an aircraft in flight a soldier who exited the aircraft shortly after Specialist *Martin* fell through the suspension lines of Specialist *Martin's* parachute. Specialist *Martin,* displaying quick thinking, grabbed the lines of his fellow soldier's parachute. This action slowed his fall enough so that Specialist *Martin* could grasp the canopy of the deflated parachute. During the descent, the extra weight on Specialist *Martin's* parachute caused many of the suspension lines to snap. Despite the grave danger to himself Specialist *Martin* held the canopy of the deflated parachute until the two paratroopers reached the ground. Specialist *Martin's* prompt and courageous action reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the traditions of the military service.

Specialist Second Class *Dean F. Samarjian,* Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery C, 601st Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (90-mm Gun), distinguished himself by heroism at Andrews Air Base, Washington, D. C., on 18 July 1956. Having reported to fight a fire which had broken out in the Battery C supply room in the early morning hours, Specialist *Samarjian* immediately began combatting the blaze. When it became apparent that the fire could not be brought under control, he, together with a fellow soldier, commenced to remove small arms and ammunition from the burning building. After evacuating approximately half the ammunition, the two soldiers were leaving to get some air when Specialist *Samarjian* discovered his companion was not with him. He returned to the arms room and finding his companion had collapsed as a result of the effects of smoke and heat, carried him from the building;

then without regard for his own safety, once again entered the building and removed the remaining ammunition and small arms. Specialist *Samarjian's* dauntless courage and prompt action prevented serious injury or possible death to other individuals and averted extensive property damage, reflecting great credit on himself and the military service.

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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class *Melvin H. Obermueller*, Army Medical Service, United States Army. 28 August 1952 to 12 October 1952.

IX. AIR MEDAL. So much of paragraph 3, Section X, General Orders Number 46, Department of the Army, 1956, as pertains to award of the Air Medal (twelfth Oak Leaf Cluster) to Major *Hubert D. Gaddis*, as reads "Air Medal (twelfth Oak Leaf Cluster)" is amended to read "Air Medal (fourteenth Oak Leaf Cluster)."

X. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant *John W. Brady*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 17 June 1955 to 15 July 1956.

Captain *Joseph D. Chavez*, (then First Lieutenant), Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 29 November 1953 to 12 April 1954.

Master Sergeant *George W. Hampton*, United States Army. 30 May 1952 to 30 June 1955.

Captain *Walter V. Higbee, Jr.*, Artillery, United States Army. 1 September 1955 to 24 February 1956.

Captain *Kirby Lamar*, (then First Lieutenant), Signal Corps, United States Army. 1 May 1952 to 26 January 1953.

Specialist Third Class *Gerald F. Long*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 27 January to 15 July 1956.

Corporal *John F. O'Connor, Jr.*, Infantry, Army of the United States. 29 December 1951 to 31 March 1952.

Major *John J. Powers*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 17 November 1954 to 10 October 1956.

Sergeant First Class *Robert N. Schook*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 6 July 1955 to 15 July 1956.

First Lieutenant *Charles R. Thomas*, (then Second Lieutenant), Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 1 January to 20 September 1956.

Specialist Third Class *Victor A. J. van Lint*, (then Private First Class), United States Army. 12 April 1955 to 10 August 1956.

Captain *Harold S. Wayment*, (then Warrant Officer, Junior Grade), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 6 August 1950 to 23 February 1951.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for

meritorious achievement during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Specialist Second Class *Wilber Donaldson*, Army Medical Service, United States Army. 12 September 1956.

Sergeant *John J. Munn*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 9 July 1955 to 15 July 1956.

Captain *Edward G. Polanski*, Infantry, National Guard of the United States. 19 August 1955.

Private First Class *Merlyn R. Singbell* (then Private), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 9 April 1956.

Captain *Taylor Stidham*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 1 July 1955 to 15 July 1956.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Colonel *Oliver K. Marshall*, Artillery, United States Army. 17 November 1955 to 25 November 1956.

Master Sergeant *Stuart A. Queen*, United States Army. 5 July 1953 to 28 December 1956.

By Order of *Wilber M. Brucker*, Secretary of the Army:

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General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

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