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I..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 (first Oak Leaf Cluster) 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 *George Honnen*, United States Army. October 1945 to November 1957.

Lieutenant General *Stanley R. Mickelsen*, United States Army. 1 October 1954 to 31 October 1957.

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 (second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant General *David A. D. Ogden*, United States Army. January 1953 to March 1955 and from May 1955 to October 1957.

Lieutenant General *Robert N. Young*, United States Army. 8 June 1952 to 30 September 1957.

II..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 *Vernon J. Erkenbeck*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 1 January 1949 to 30 November 1957.

Colonel *Maurice J. Fletcher*, Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 7 November 1946 to 31 August 1957.

Colonel *Cornelius J. Rinker*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. 17 September 1955 through 31 March 1957.

Colonel *Forest S. Rittgers*, Infantry, United States Army. August 1947 to November 1957.

Major General *Bernard L. Robinson*, United States Army. 21 December 1945 to 31 July 1957.

Colonel *Fulton G. Thompson*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, 16 May 1946 to 31 October 1957.

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)

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for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Louis H. Foote*, United States Army, 1 January 1946 to 30 November 1957.

Brigadier General *James W. Green, Jr.*, then Colonel, United States Army. 4 March 1947 to 31 August 1957.

Major General *Robert P. Hollis*, United States Army. June 1947 to 31 October 1957.

Major General *John B. Medaris*, United States Army. February 1956 to October 1957.

Colonel *Harold G. Ott*, Dental Corps, United States Army. 8 December 1949 to 29 June 1950 and from 3 November 1950 to 31 October 1957.

Colonel *Robert E. Peyton*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 11 February 1946 to 30 September 1957.

Colonel *Albert H. Robinson*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 13 June 1950 to 31 October 1957.

Colonel *August W. Spittler*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 1 July 1947 to 30 September 1957.

Colonel *Abner Zehm*, Medical Corps, United States Army, 25 August 1949 to 31 October 1957.

III..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 Commander) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Brigadier General *Anastasio Somoza D.*, National Guard of Nicaragua. September 1956 to November 1957.

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:

Brigadier General *Manuel F. Cabal*, (then Colonel), Philippine Army. 1 February 1954 to 1 May 1955.

Brigadier General *Alfredo M. Santos*, (then Colonel), Philippine Army. 24 July 1954 to 1 May 1955.

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 (Degree of Legionnaire) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Washington Siahaan*, Indonesian Army. 9 September 1952 to 10 May 1955.

IV..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 on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant First Class *Conley Ahart,* Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery "A", 2d Howitzer Battalion, 14th Artillery, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Hood, Texas, on 8 August 1957. During instruction in throwing of live fragmentation hand grenades, a grenade improperly thrown by a trainee in the bay with Sergeant *Ahart* struck the front wall of the bay and rebounded into the pit coming to rest next to the head of the trainee who was lying in the prone position unaware of the grenade's presence. Realizing that *only one or two seconds remained before the grenade would explode, Sergeant Ahart,* with utter disregard for his own safety, seized the trainee and pushed him to safety. Seeing that the trainee was out of danger, Sergeant *Ahart* vacated the bay himself just as the grenade detonated. Sergeant *Ahart's* prompt and courageous action averted probable injury or death. The intrepidity and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant *Ahart* reflect great credit on himself and uphold the finest traditions of the military service.

Master Sergeant *Kenneth M. Brown,* Ordnance Corps, United States Army, 408th Supply and Transportation Company, 11th Airborne Division, distinguished himself by heroism on 14 March 1957, at Sheridan Kaserne, Germany. Upon discovering a white phosphorus grenade burning on a stack of boxes containing live 60-mm mortar white phosphorus shells and seeing that these boxes were on fire, Sergeant *Brown,* without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, took immediate and appropriate action to extinguish the flames. Sergeant *Brown's* courageous action prevented loss of life and property. His bravery in risking his life in this hazardous situation reflects the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Grover P. Conway,* Corps of Engineers, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism while serving as Platoon Sergeant, Company A, 10th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Prov), 3d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia, on 13 May 1957. While supervising hand grenade throwing on Dianda Range, Sergeant *Conway* was faced with a sudden crisis which demanded immediate and spontaneous action to avert possible loss of life to several of his fellow soldiers and injury to others. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he wrested an active live grenade from the hands of a trainee frozen with fright and threw it into an open area where it exploded instantly without harm to any of the personnel. The prompt and courageous action, presence of mind, and quick thinking displayed by Sergeant *Conway* by risking his life in this extremely dangerous situation to prevent a serious tragedy, reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Forrest E. Crisman,* United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on the night of 22 February 1957, in the vicinity of Seoul, Korea, when the C–124 aircraft on which he was a passenger developed engine trouble and crashlanded on a sandbar in the Han River, bursting into flames on impact. Despite extreme physical and emotional stress, forbidding terrain conditions and darkness, Sergeant *Crisman* immediately organized the survivors for their safety and assumed command of passenger accounting operations. Upon learning that there was an Air Force Sergeant severely wounded in or near the plane, Sergeant *Crisman* immediately organized a rescue team to return to the site of the plane. Despite great personal danger, Sergeant *Crisman* waded through waist-deep icy water back to the burning plane, aware that there were several full tanks of gasoline inside which had not yet exploded. In the face of these hazards, Sergeant *Crisman* and the men who went with him appeared to give no thought to their personal safety or their lives and reentered the plane.

The wounded man was located near the flaming inside engine, and was carried back through the rapidly rising icy water by the rescue detail. Upon his return, Sergeant *Crisman* continued to assist the wounded and give moral support to others. Sergeant *Crisman's* prompt, vital, and courageous action in the face of extreme danger reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Master Specialist *Saverio A. Fiore*, , United States Army, a member of the United States Army Field Band, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, distinguished himself by heroism on 22 August 1956, at Weirs Pier, Lake Weirs, New Hampshire. Without hesitation, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Master Specialist *Fiore* risked his life by jumping fully dressed into deep water dangerously charged by a damaged cable and rescuing two persons. The bravery and unselfishness displayed by his quick thinking and heroic action reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Colonel *Jackson Graham*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 10 September 1957, over Coos Bay, Oregon. While completing an aerial inspection tour by helicopter of Corps of Engineer sites and installations in the Coos Bay area, the Army hopper dredge WILLIAM T. ROSSELL was noticed to be in a sunken condition on Coos Bay Bar with many of its crew clinging to the rigging on the superstructure. Upon observing the disaster, Colonel *Graham* instantly assumed command of the situation and, through his quick judgment and professional approach, immediately devised rescue operations utilizing the helicopter since heavy seas precluded the approach of surface vessels. Disregarding his personal danger Colonel *Graham* dropped ropes to the stranded crew while the helicopter hovered perilously close to the ship's rigging where any unexpected movement would have caused a crash. His unselfish actions in rescuing the victims when all other attempts had failed reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Vincent B. Licciardi*, Transportation Corps, United States Army, U. S. Army Garrison, Boston Army Base, distinguished himself by heroism in the Oswego Water Intake Tunnel under Lake Ontario at Oswego, New York, on 18 and 19 August 1957. An explosion believed to have been caused by the premature detonation of one of the booster charges used to set off a large blasting operation conducted by civilian engineers, occurred at the entrance of the tunnel and trapped three members of a working crew inside. Arriving on the scene almost two hours after the explosion, Sergeant *Licciardi*, noting that no organized rescue attempts had been made, immediately took charge of the situation and organized a rescue party. His logical and methodical steps included ordering an air compressor which was on the scene into operation by contacting neighboring fire departments for available hose and directing the connection of the hose to clear the deadly gases from the tunnel. Although repeatedly warned of the imminent danger of the accumulation of explosive gases, Sergeant *Licciardi* led the rescue team into the tunnel, and on his initial entrance remained for three hours, returning to the surface only at the direct orders of a superior officer. After a brief period on the surface he returned to the tunnel and continued to direct the placement of additional air hoses, and remained again for almost four hours. His clear thinking and foresight not only won the high praise of his fellow workers, but undoubtedly prevented further loss of life in this rescue attempt. Only when Sergeant *Licciardi* was completely exhausted did he allow himself to be brought to the surface again, lapsing into a state of unconsciousness prior to reaching the top of the shaft. The heroic and unselfish disregard for his own personal safety displayed through-

out the entire rescue operation by Sergeant *Licciardi* reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Solomon R. McKenny*, Artillery, United States Army, a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Field Artillery Battalion (Rkt/How), 73d Artillery, distinguished himself by heroism on 15 August 1957, at Fort Polk, Louisiana. While acting as Instructor and Safety Noncommissioned Officer on the Live Hand Grenade Range, Sergeant *McKenny*, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, wrested an active live grenade from the hands of a trainee frozen with fright and threw it over a protective wall where it exploded instantly without harm to any of the personnel. Sergeant *McKenny's* quick judgment and courageous action by risking his life in this extremely dangerous situation reflect distinct credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *William R. T. Roe*, Artillery, United States Army, a member of C Battery, 96th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (120-mm. Gun), distinguished himself by heroism at Anchorage, Alaska, on 31 July 1957. While seated with two of his fellow soldiers in an automobile parked near Merrill Field, Private *Roe* observed the crash of a light plane some 200 yards away. Running immediately to the scene of the crash, Private *Roe* and his companions saw that fire from the motor threatened gasoline leaking from the fuel tank of the aircraft. Private *Roe* extinguished the fire and then assisted the others in searching for survivors. In the darkness it was necessary to move both the fuselage and one of the wings to locate them. Working quickly with disregard for their personal safety the soldiers located and removed four unconscious survivors from the wreckage. The immediate, effective action by Private *Roe* prevented the burning of the aircraft and made possible the rescue of its passengers, reflecting great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Galindo Vargas*, Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery A, 605th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion (NIKE), distinguished himself by heroism on 9 June 1957, near San Antonio, Texas. An automobile in which he was riding was involved in a three-car accident, and a fire engulfed both of the other vehicles. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private *Vargas*, accompanied by another serviceman at the scene of the accident, rushed between the two burning cars. Despite the intense heat and imminent danger of the gas tanks exploding, Private *Vargas*, while his companion held the car door open, pulled the passenger from the burning vehicle and moved him to a place of safety. His prompt and courageous action in the face of great danger was instrumental in saving a life, reflecting the utmost credit on himself and upholding the honored traditions of the military service.

V--AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on the date indicated is awarded by the Department of the Army to the following-named individual:

Mr. *Wesley G. Lematta*, American Civilian, 10 September 1957.

VI--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 *Kariam G. Arges*, United States Army. 1 February 1956 to 7 October 1957.

Captain *Robert Avon*, Infantry, United States Army. 10 January 1956 to 15 April 1957.

Chief Warrant Officer *James R. Battle*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 27 August 1955 to 13 July 1957.

Specialist Second Class *John W. Beacham*, Army of the United States. 26 December 1956 to 30 November 1957.

Major *Chesley J. Bennett*, Infantry, United States Army. 1 July 1955 to 22 February 1957.

Lieutenant Colonel *Vernon M. Buehler*, Finance Corps, United States Army. December 1954 to July 1957.

First Lieutenant *Richard L. Chapman*, United States Army. 1 May to 17 July 1957.

Master Sergeant *Frank E. Chmelka*, Artillery, United States Army. 4 January 1957 to 15 May 1957.

Private First Class *Duane A. Dahlberg*, United States Army. 1 April 1957 to 1 August 1957.

Colonel *Arthur J. Fallen*, Artillery, United States Army. 24 July 1954 to 2 June 1956.

Colonel *James R. Johnson*, Artillery, United States Army. 7 September 1954 to 1 August 1957.

Captain *Hervey E. Keator*, Military Police Corps, United States Army. 13 July 1956 to 3 September 1957.

Sergeant First Class *William L. Kline*, United States Army. 4 January 1957 to 29 June 1957.

Chief Warrant Officer W-2 *Rudolph A. Long*, United States Army. 10 May 1956 to 22 November 1957.

Major *Ellsworth W. Smith*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. 20 June 1955 to 1 August 1957.

Master Sergeant *Harry M. Smith, Jr.*, United States Army. 16 August 1951 to 31 August 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Joseph W. White, Jr.*, United States Army. 6 May 1955 to 8 November 1957.

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 Third Class *Raymond S. Alves*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. 11 May 1957.

Corporal *Charles D. Barnes*, Infantry, United States Army Reserve. 20 May 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Joseph W. Bates*, Infantry, United States Army Reserve. 20 May 1957.

Master Sergeant *Michael A. Cardone*, United States Army. 12 August 1957.

Sergeant *James E. Cook*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 12 July 1957.

Sergeant *Roy M. Creswell*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 12 July 1957.

Corporal *Odessa D. Crosby, Jr.*, Infantry, United States Army Reserve. 20 May 1957.

Cadet *Charles D. Darby*, United States Corps of Cadets, United States Army. 17 July 1957.

Private *Arnold E. Ellis*, Army Medical Service, United States Army. 17 March 1956.

Sergeant First Class *George W. Hartford*, United States Army. 30 June 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Dana W. Lull*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 26 July 1957.

Private First Class *Ruben Martinez*, Artillery, United States Army. 18 February 1957.

Specialist Third Class *John R. McNamara, Jr.*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 26 February to 13 March 1957 and 25 May to 30 June 1957.

Specialist Third Class *Richard F. Powers*, (then Private First Class), United States Army. 21 June 1957.

Captain *Oliver L. Robbins*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. 13 June 1957.

Captain *Theodore S. Russell*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 12 July 1957.

First Lieutenant *Billy S. Stebbins*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 12 July 1957.

Sergeant *Joe E. Valverde, Jr.*, United States Army. 17 August 1957.

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 officers:

Chief Warrant Officer (W-3) *Floyd K. Bryant*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 20 September 1954 to 17 October 1957.

Major *Stuart C. McKelvey*, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 5 September 1956 to 16 March 1957.

Lieutenant Colonel *Roman I. Ulans*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 17 September 1954 to 2 August 1957.

VII. 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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel *Herman R. Fleming*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. 3 January 1950 to 31 May 1957. (This award supersedes the previous award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service during the period 30 March to 20 November 1952, as announced in Paragraph 3, Section IX, Department of the Army General Orders No. 59, dated 4 August 1953.)

Colonel *Elmer A. Lodmell,* Medical Corps, United States Army. 1 November 1948 to 30 September 1957. (This award supersedes so much of General Orders No. 42, Headquarters Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., dated 18 September 1957, as pertains to the previous award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Colonel *Lodmell* for meritorious services during the period 3 August 1953 to 30 September 1957.)

VIII. SOLDIER'S MEDAL. So much of Section V, General Orders Number 49, Department of the Army, 13 September 1957, as pertains to award of the Soldier's Medal to Private First Class *Clyde B. Julian, Jr.,* is revoked.

IX. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. 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 awarded by the Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Lewis, to the following-named enlisted man is confirmed:

Sergeant First Class *Vernon L. Kolb,* Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 23 June 1957.

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

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

Official:

HERBERT M. JONES,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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