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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, the Distinguished Service Medal (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in positions of great responsibility is awarded to:

- Major General *W. Preston Oorderman*, United States Army. 1 June 1946 to 31 August 1958.
- Major General *William M. Creasy*, United States Army. July 1946 to 31 August 1958.
- Major General *James H. Phillips*, United States Army. 1 July 1951 to 31 August 1958.
- Lieutenant General *John F. Unolca*, United States Army. 4 August 1945 to 31 August 1958.

II. LEGION OF MERIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded posthumously to:

- Colonel *Cyril J. Letzelter*, Infantry, United States Army. September 1946 to July 1958.

III. LEGION OF MERIT. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

- Colonel *Peter D. Cady*, Infantry, United States Army. 1 July 1946 to 31 August 1958.
- Colonel *John F. Coa*, Military Police Corps, United States Army. 20 February 1949 to 31 July 1958.
- Major General *Harry W. Crandall*, Finance Corps, United States Army. 29 August 1945 to 31 August 1958.
- Lieutenant Colonel *James T. DeVoss*, Military Intelligence (Infantry), United States Army. 24 June 1955 to 30 June 1958.
- Colonel *Worth L. Kindred*, Artillery, United States Army. 1 July 1953 to 1 February 1958.
- Brigadier General *Thomas W. Mattingly*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 1 October 1950 to 31 August 1958.
- Colonel *Charles S. Mudgett*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 1 September 1949 to 31 August 1958.
- Brigadier General *Legare K. Tarrant*, United States Army. 22 June 1947 to 31 August 1958.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion

of Merit (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

- Colonel *Lynn O. Dirksen*, Dental Corps, United States Army. 5 August 1946 to 31 August 1958.
- Brigadier General *Donald B. Harriott*, United States Army. 4 August 1951 to 2 January 1958.
- Colonel *James E. Holley*, Artillery, United States Army. 1 June 1954 to 31 July 1958.
- Colonel *Wallace W. Lindsay*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 1 September 1946 to 31 August 1958.
- Brigadier General *Roger G. Prentiss, Jr.*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 27 June 1947 to 31 August 1958.
- Brigadier General *Sam F. Seeley*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 3 February 1946 to 31 July 1958.
- Colonel *Morton Solomon*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 16 August 1947 to 31 August 1958.
- Colonel *Joseph U. Weaver*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 14 September 1949 to 31 August 1958.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

- Major General *Henry R. McKenzie*, United States Army. March 1946 to 31 August 1958.
- Brigadier General *Lyal C. Metheny*, United States Army. 10 February 1949 to 31 August 1958.

IV..SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded posthumously to:

Specialist Third Class *William H. Britt*, United States Army, distinguished himself by an act of heroism at the risk of his own life in the vicinity of Afton, Oklahoma, on 30 May 1958. While traveling on Highway 60-66-69, en route to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, he stopped to offer assistance to the victims of an accident involving a motor vehicle which had left the highway and knocked down a pole supporting electric power transmission lines, and came to a halt at the bottom of an embankment. Although realizing the danger of the fallen electric power lines, Specialist *Britt* disregarded his personal safety to assist the victims of the accident from the wrecked and burning automobile. While rendering such assistance, he came in contact with the power lines and was electrocuted. Specialist *Britt's* courageous action, fast thinking and heroic sacrifice saved the life of at least one of the accident victims, and reflect the highest credit upon himself, and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service.

V..SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded to:

Master Sergeant *Ivon M. Abney*, United States Army, Company C, 1st Battalion, United States Army Infantry Center Troop Command, Fort Benning, Georgia, distinguished himself by heroism on 18 March 1958. While en route to his home from Fort Benning, Sergeant *Abney* observed a car veer off the

road into a ditch and start to burn. He immediately rushed to the scene and saw an officer lying unconscious in the vehicle which by this time was burning furiously. As the injured officer could not be reached from the door, Sergeant *Abney* bravely and at the risk of his own life, promptly entered the vehicle and moved the injured officer to the door where others could carry him away to safety. This immediate and courageous action by Sergeant *Abney* in complete disregard of his own personal safety undoubtedly prevented the loss of the injured officer's life, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Edwin J. Berg*, Artillery, United States Army, Battery B, 436th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion (NIKE-AJAX) (C), distinguished himself by heroism near Travis Air Force Base, California, on 3 June 1958. While proceeding to his battery area, Sergeant *Berg*, with another soldier, observed a United States Air Force C-124 aircraft crash near the road, break up, and burst into flames. Running immediately to the scene of the crash, Sergeant *Berg* and his companion removed to a safe place an injured airman who had emerged from the tail section and collapsed in burning gasoline on the ground. Working quickly, Sergeant *Berg* returned to the burning wreckage and locating another unconscious airman, removed him from the danger area with the assistance of a serviceman who joined the rescue operation. Sergeant *Berg's* heroic action and unselfish disregard for his own personal safety saved the lives of the two airmen, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

Master Sergeant *David K. Broad*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of Company D, 65th Engineer Battalion (Infantry Division), distinguished himself by heroism in Lale, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii on 7 June 1958. While parking his automobile, Sergeant *Broad* noticed flames coming from the vicinity of the kitchen of a neighbor's house approximately 500 yards from his own dwelling and drove immediately to the burning house to investigate. Upon peering through a dense blanket of smoke, he noticed two or more small forms on the floor. He attempted to open the door and discovered that it was locked from the inside. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he broke open the locked door of the building and, despite the risk of being trapped and burned to death, delivered five sleeping children who were located in various rooms of the house to safety. Sergeant *Broad's* decisive action and exceptional courage in the face of grave danger undoubtedly saved the lives of these children, reflecting the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Kenneth E. Gillenwater*, Artillery, United States Army, Howitzer Company, 2d Battalion, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism at Bamberg, Germany in the City Bahnhof (railroad station), on 1 April 1958. While performing duty as one of two guards for vehicles rail loaded for shipment, Private *Gillenwater* noticed a bright flash of light, and upon investigation found a fellow soldier in flames as a result of contact with overhead high voltage lines on top of one of the vehicles. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and in the face of imminent danger of contact with the high voltage lines himself, Private *Gillenwater* climbed on top of the vehicle and extinguished the flames on the injured man. Despite the dangerous proximity of the overhead lines and possibility of personal injury in attempting to lower the body of a man heavier than himself, he managed to lower the victim from a distance of seven feet. Private *Gillenwater's* prompt, courageous action and presence of mind, demonstrated by risking his life in

this extremely hazardous situation, reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Forrest O. James*, Artillery, United States Army, Battery B, 436th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion (NIKE-JAX) (O), distinguished himself by heroism near Travis Air Force Base, California, on 3 June 1958. While proceeding to his battery area, Sergeant *James*, with another soldier observed a United States Air Force C-124 aircraft crash near the road, break up, and burst into flames. Running immediately to the scene of the crash, Sergeant *James* and his companion removed to a safe place an injured airman who had emerged from the tail section and collapsed in burning gasoline. Sergeant *James* remained with the injured airman and rendered first aid until he was evacuated. Sergeant *James'* heroic action and unselfish disregard for his own personal safety saved the life of the airman, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

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 is awarded to:

- Master Sergeant *Russell L. Allen*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 29 July to 25 November 1956.
- Captain *Joseph W. Betit*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 15 September 1955 to 8 August 1958.
- First Lieutenant *Robert G. Bond*, (then Second Lieutenant) Armor, United States Army. 13 July 1953 to 4 January 1954.
- Specialist Third Class *Ben J. Bowers*, Military Police Corps. 21 June 1957 to 15 July 1958.
- Colonel *Robert E. Coffin*, Artillery, United States Army. 7 July 1955 to 20 July 1958.
- Colonel *William H. Connerat*, General Staff (Ordnance Corps), United States Army. 21 July 1954 to June 1958.
- Major *James A. Grimsley, Jr.*, General Staff (Infantry), United States Army. July 1955 to July 1958.
- Specialist Second Class *James W. Kinney*, United States Army. 23 May to 15 November 1957.
- Chief Warrant Officer (W-2) *Ernest R. O'Nan*, Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 28 April 1955 to 30 November 1957.
- Colonel *Nohea O. A. Peck*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army Reserve. 1 December 1954 to 1 July 1958.
- Sergeant *Jack W. Peele*, United States Army. 25 April 1957 to 26 April 1958.
- Master Sergeant *Joseph M. Plewniak*, RA32200788, United States Army. 23 September 1955 to 25 August 1958.
- Colonel *Truman H. Setliffe*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 December 1955 to 7 April 1958.
- Captain *Martin J. Slominski*, Infantry, United States Army. 9 July 1956 to 15 July 1958.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Roland V. Thede*, Artillery, United States Army. 8 February 1956 to 21 July 1958.

Captain *Josiah A. Wallace, Jr.*, Artillery, United States Army.
15 August 1955 to 15 July 1958.

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 is awarded to:

Captain *Carl L. Cunningham*, Chemical Corps, then First Lieutenant, United States Army. 17 February 1958.

Specialist Fourth Class *Lowell T. Hasart*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 25 June 1958.

Specialist Second Class (then Specialist Third Class) *Clarence R. Lewellen*, RA15250227, Armor, United States Army. Seestetten (Bavaria), Germany, 28 February 1958.

Second Lieutenant *Frederick U. Rorapaugh*, Artillery, Army of the United States. Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 3 June 1958.

Specialist Second Class *Floyd H. Timmons*, United States Army. 23 and 24 November 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 is awarded to:

Major *George C. Benson*, Infantry, United States Army. 30 November 1957 to 26 June 1958.

Colonel *John H. Ohiles*, Infantry, United States Army. 22 April 1955 to 29 May 1958.

Colonel *Maurice J. Halper*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 28 July 1954 to 31 July 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert B. Orayton*, General Staff (Armor), United States Army. 11 August 1955 to 20 August 1958.

Captain *Rodman O. Rainville*, Infantry, United States Army. 14 July 1956 to 11 August 1958.

First Lieutenant *John O. Reade, Jr.*, Infantry, United States Army. 19 to 24 April 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Raymond R. Regan*, Military Police Corps, Army of the United States. 10 June 1954 to 25 July 1958.

Colonel *Nathaniel P. Ward, III*, Infantry, United States Army. June 1954 to August 1958.

Chief Warrant Officer, W-3, *Paul D. Williams*, Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 12 July 1954 to 10 March 1958.

4. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph S. Kimmitt*, Artillery, United States Army. 7 July 1955 to 11 July 1958.

Colonel *Douglas G. Ludlam*, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. October 1951 to 25 July 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Artha D. Williams, Jr.*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 21 August 1957 to 19 June 1958.

VII. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. 1. So much of section V, DA General Orders 29, 1958, as pertains to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Lieutenant Colonel *Billis L. Murray*, L-84,

United States Women's Army Corps, United States Army, as reads "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant" is amended to read "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (first Oak Leaf Cluster)."

2. So much of section V, DA General Orders 29, 1958, as pertains to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Major *Walter A. Schmidt*, as reads "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant" is amended to read "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (first Oak Leaf Cluster)."

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.

Distribution:

Active Army: A.

To be distributed as needed to all units and headquarters down to and including companies and batteries and to units and headquarters of comparable size.

NG and USAR: B.

To be distributed as needed to all units and headquarters down to and including separate battalions (administrative) and to units and headquarters of comparable size and responsibility.