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**I. 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 (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to  
Colonel *Richard H. Fancis*, Medical Corps, United States Army January 1946 to 14 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 (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:  
Brigadier General *Juan O. Relosa*, Philippine Army. 30 December 1949 to 31 March 1958.

**III. DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, a Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while participating in aerial flight is awarded to:

First Lieutenant *James R. Blackmore*, Transportation Corps, Army of the United States, United States Army Transportation Environmental Operations Group, Fort Eustis, Virginia, distinguished himself by heroism while participating in an aerial flight over the Greenland Icecap, east of Thule, Greenland, on 25 July 1958. When a United States Air Force helicopter with a crew of five was reported missing, Lieutenant *Blackmore* voluntarily planned and led a search for the missing aircraft. Without concern for his own personal safety and despite the lack of navigational aids, conditions of extremely perilous weather, dangerously low visibility, high windy altitudes and blinding white-outs, his determined and courageous leadership brought the rescue party successfully to the scene of the crash. Upon discovering that the victims of the accident perished in the crash, he recovered and identified the bodies, notified the proper authorities and completed the round trip of nearly 400 miles under the same hazardous conditions without accident. His sustained and superior devotion to duty under extreme circumstances reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Chief Warrant Officer *Gordon E. DeGess*, Transportation Corps, Army of the United States, United States Army Transportation Environmental Operations Group, Fort Eustis, Virginia, distinguished himself by heroism while participating in an aerial flight over the Greenland Icecap, east of Thule, Greenland, on 25 July 1958. When a United States Air Force helicopter with a crew of five was reported missing, Mr. *DeGess* volunteered to participate in a search for the missing aircraft. Without concern for his own personal safety and despite the lack of navigational aids, conditions of extremely perilous weather, dangerously low visibility, high windy altitudes and blinding white-outs, he piloted an H-10D Helicopter 170 miles over a trail marked only with bamboo poles and successfully brought the rescue party to the crash scene. Upon discovering that the victims of the accident perished in the crash, he

aided in recovering and identifying the bodies, notified the proper authorities and completed the round trip of approximately 400 miles under the same hazardous conditions without accident. Mr. *DeGeest's* sustained and superior devotion to duty under extreme circumstances reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Chief Warrant Officer *Donald R. Joyce*, Transportation Corps, Army of the United States, United States Army Transportation Environmental Operations Group, Fort Eustis, Virginia, distinguished himself by heroism while participating in an aerial flight over the Greenland Icecap, east of Thule, Greenland, on 25 July 1958. When a United States Air Force helicopter with a crew of five was reported missing, Mr. *Joyce* volunteered to participate in a search for the missing aircraft. Without concern for his own personal safety and despite the lack of navigational aids, conditions of extremely perilous weather, dangerously low visibility, high windy altitudes and blinding white-outs, he piloted an H-19 Helicopter 170 miles over a trail marked only with bamboo poles and successfully brought the rescue party to the crash scene. Upon discovering that the victims of the accident perished in the crash, he aided in recovering and identifying the bodies, notified the proper authorities and completed the round trip of approximately 400 miles under the same hazardous conditions without accident. Mr. *Joyce's* sustained and superior devotion to duty under extreme circumstances reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Chief Warrant Officer *Vincent J. LeDuc*, Transportation Corps, Army of the United States, United States Army Transportation Environmental Operations Group, Fort Eustis, Virginia, distinguished himself by heroism while participating in an aerial flight over the Greenland Icecap, east of Thule, Greenland, on 25 July 1958. When a United States Air Force helicopter with a crew of five was reported missing, Mr. *LeDuc* volunteered to participate in a search for the missing aircraft. Without concern for his own personal safety and despite the lack of navigational aids, conditions of extremely perilous weather, dangerously low visibility, high windy altitudes and blinding white-outs, he piloted an H-19 Helicopter 170 miles over a trail marked only with bamboo poles and successfully brought the rescue party to the crash scene. Upon discovering that the victims of the accident perished in the crash, he aided in recovering and identifying the bodies, notified the proper authorities and completed the round trip of approximately 400 miles under the same hazardous conditions without accident. Mr. *LeDuc's* sustained and superior devotion to duty under extreme circumstances reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

**IV. AIR MEDAL.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of 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 is awarded to:

Private First Class *Francis E. Kennedy*, Transportation Corps,  
Army of the United States. 25 July 1958.

Private First Class *Robert J. Tebo*, Transportation Corps,  
United States Army. 25 July 1958.

**V. 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:

Colonel *Arnold A. Berglund*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. 8 April 1955 to 30 June 1958.

Sergeant First Class *Henry W. Daugherty, Jr.*, United States Army. 19 June 1956 to 4 December 1958.

Colonel *Fred L. Baker*, Inspector General (Armor), United States Army. 26 September 1955 to 10 October 1958.

Major *Edward P. Fortner*, Military Intelligence (Artillery), Army of the United States. 12 August 1957 to 30 November 1958.

Major *Chester T. Henderson*, General Staff (Transportation Corps), United States Army. May 1955 to November 1958.

Sergeant First Class *Sara L. Hostetter*, United States Women's Army Corps, United States Army. 1 February 1957 to 30 November 1958.

Major *Charles W. Hutcheson*, Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 22 October 1957 to 30 September 1958.

Colonel *James H. Koller*, Infantry, United States Army. 7 August 1957 to 27 August 1958.

Colonel *Birdsey L. Learman*, Infantry, United States Army. 29 March 1955 to 6 October 1958.

Colonel *Clinton S. Lyter*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 11 October 1953 to 15 October 1958.

Sergeant First Class *Frank J. Palumbo*, Military Police Corps, United States Army. 1 February 1956 to 17 September 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Jack G. Perrigo*, General Staff (Finance Corps), Army of the United States. 4 May 1955 to 1 December 1958.

Colonel *Frank J. Redding, Jr.*, Infantry, United States Army. 8 May 1955 to 24 November 1958.

Colonel *Maurice D. Stratta*, Inspector General (Infantry), United States Army. 9 September 1956 to 15 October 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 (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Major *William M. Calnan*, Infantry, United States Army. 10 August 1955 to 18 August 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Mary M. Stoppan*, N113, Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. 20 February 1957 to 31 October 1958.

Sergeant First Class *James L. Stroud*, United States Army. 1 May 1957 to 1 October 1958.

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 (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Major *Warren J. Higgins*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. 27 July 1955 to 23 July 1958.

4. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 18, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Specialist Five <i>Robert J. Bourasa</i> , United States Army. 9 August 1958.	Army Medical Service,
Private First Class <i>Larry D. Cain</i> , 28 January 1958.	Armor, United States Army.
Private <i>Walter J. Dziekan</i> , 28 January 1958.	Armor, Army of the United States.
Second Lieutenant <i>Paul A. Fuohs</i> , States. 26 January 1958.	Armor, Army of the United States.
Sergeant <i>Fred L. Hoss</i> , 1958.	Infantry, United States Army. 22 July 1958.
Second Lieutenant <i>Evers S. LaFevre</i> , of the United States. 21 May 1958.	Transportation Corps, Army of the United States.
Private First Class <i>Donald D. Knutson</i> , Army. 26 January 1958.	Armor, United States Army.
Specialist Five <i>Ray M. Myers</i> , States Army. 22 July 1958.	Corps of Engineers, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant <i>Jack P. Ray</i> , the United States. 21 May 1958.	Transportation Corps, Army of the United States.
Master Sergeant <i>Noel E. Trowell</i> , States. 21 August 1957.	National Guard of the United States.

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

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

Official:

R. V. LEE,  
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.