

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 10

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C., 13 March 1959

	Section
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL—Awards.....	I
LEGION OF MERIT—Posthumous award.....	III
LEGION OF MERIT—Awards.....	III
SOLDIER'S MEDAL—Awards.....	IV
AIR MEDAL—Awards.....	V
COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT—Awards.....	VI
COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT—Section IV, DA General Orders 8, 1959, amended.....	VII

I..DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Major General *Max S. Johnson*, , United States Army. 5 May 1954 to 15 February 1959.

2. 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 a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Major General *Richard O. Partridge*, , United States Army. 10 September 1945 to 17 November 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 *Joseph O. Obedister*, , Infantry, United States Army. September 1946 to November 1958. (This award supersedes the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to Colonel *Obedister* for services from 15 August 1956 to 1 November 1957, published in General Orders No. 91, Headquarters U. S. Army Advisory Group, Korea, dated 4 November 1957.)

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:

Brigadier General *Aaron W. Beeman*, , United States Army. 1 May 1946 to 28 February 1959.

Colonel *Robert M. Bynum, Jr.*, Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 1 April 1952 to 28 February 1959.

Colonel *Alvin R. Glafka*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 21 July 1946 to 28 February 1959. (This award supersedes the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for services from 7 July 1954 to 24 May 1957, as announced in General Orders Number 9, Headquarters United States European Command, dated 24 May 1957.)

Colonel *John D. McLaughlin*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 8 April 1956 to 31 March 1958. (This award supersedes the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant as announced in General Orders Number 16, Headquarters Joint United States Military Advisory Group to Thailand, dated 25 April 1958, for meritorious service during the period 3 April 1956 to 1 April 1958.)

Colonel *Carlton G. Schenken*, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. 15 June 1954 to 28 February 1959.

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:

Major General *Louis E. Cotulla*, , United States Army. August 1946 to 28 February 1959.

Major General *Charles E. Hoy*, , United States Army. July 1947 to 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:

Brigadier General *David W. Gray*, , United States Army. 15 July to 25 October 1958.

4. 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 Legionnaire) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Colonel *Altair Franco Ferreira*, Brazilian Army. 1 February 1956 to 10 April 1958.

IV..SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 2 July 1920, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded to:

Private First Class *Charles F. Leach*, , Ordnance Corps, Army of the United States, a member of Detachment B, United States Army Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, on temporary duty at Camp Perry, Ohio, distinguished himself by heroism on 5 September 1958. While driving at night on State Route #2, approximately five miles west of Port Clinton, Ohio, Private *Leach* observed an automobile which veered right, then left, crossed the highway, narrowly missing an oncoming car and, leaving the highway, plunged into a marshy swamp in water six feet deep. He stopped his car and, without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, jumped into the water, swam out to the quickly sinking vehicle and rescued and carried the pinned-in driver to safety. After applying first aid, he notified the county sheriff, who transported the victim to a hospital. Private *Leach's* prompt and courageous actions saved the nonswimming driver from certain drowning, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Mitchell Opas*, , United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism while serving as Medical Advisor to the Kinmen Defense Command, Army of the Government of the Republic of China on 23 August 1958. When the off-shore Kinmen Complex was subjected to an intense artillery attack from the Communist-held Chinese mainland, it sustained over 55,000 rounds of artillery fire. Despite the ever present danger of losing his life, Sergeant *Opas* constantly exposed himself to this heavy artillery fire to rescue seriously wounded Chinese soldiers. Without concern for his own personal safety, Sergeant *Opas* boldly carried a Chinese officer approximately 75 yards under extremely hazardous and threatening conditions to an underground shelter. Returning to the same area under the same perilous circumstances, he made repeated trips and carried four additional Chinese soldiers seriously

wounded by enemy shell fire to safety. Sergeant *Opas* immediately rendered effective first aid to these wounded men and personally evacuated them to a field hospital. The unselfish courage, devotion to duty and heroic actions displayed by Sergeant *Opas* elicited the high praise of the President of the Republic of China, the Chinese Army Commander of the Kinmen Defense Command, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Gary D. Osterhout*, , Army of the United States, a member of Company A, 34th Signal Battalion Corps, distinguished himself by heroism at Ludwigsburg, Germany, on 19 May 1958. Upon observing a German national leap from a bridge into the Neckar River, Private *Osterhout*, without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety and being completely unfamiliar with the currents, depths and possible undercurrents, swam approximately 50 yards to rescue the victim. He managed to overcome the resistance exerted by the drowning man and, in quickly approaching darkness, pulled him onto the shore. Immediately upon resting he relieved a fellow-soldier and administered artificial respiration until the man was revived. The prompt and effective action taken by Private *Osterhout* in the midst of a confused and nervous crowd, and the courageous and selfless risk of his own life in this situation saved the man from drowning, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Specialist Four *Paul F. Slater*, , Transportation Corps, Army of the United States, a member of the 89th Transportation Company (Medium Tank), 53d Transportation Battalion (Truck), United States Army Communications Zone, Europe, distinguished himself by heroism in the vicinity of Paracay, France, on 13 October 1958. Specialist *Slater* was operating one of three M-52 five-ton tractors and following the lead vehicle when a small civilian car threatened to collide head on with that vehicle while rounding a curve. The lead truck swerved sharply to the right to avoid hitting the car, landed into a four-foot ditch, overturned and burst into flames as one of its gasoline tanks exploded. Specialist *Slater* immediately stopped his vehicle, dismounted and ran to the overturned truck. Without regard for his own personal safety, he began to drag the pinned operator from the flaming truck. Despite the fact that the victim was far heavier than he, Specialist *Slater* managed to drag and move him to a point of safety some 50 yards away before the other gasoline tank on the burning vehicle exploded and burst into flames. He removed the man's burning field jacket and placed him in the third truck which drove to the nearest medical facility. Specialist *Slater's* prompt, heroic actions and determination saved the life of a fellow-soldier, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

V. 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:

Chief Warrant Officer *Loran E. Patterson*, , Transportation Corps,
Army of the United States. 22 June 1958.

Chief Warrant Officer *James H. Williams*, , Transportation Corps,
Army of the United States. 18 September 1958.

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:

Colonel *Gerald F. Brown*, , Artillery, United States Army. 30 July 1955 to 11 July 1958.

Major *Leonard P. Cassidy, Jr.*, , Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 4 May 1955 to 28 February 1959.

Colonel *James B. Corbett*, , Armor, United States Army. June 1957 to January 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Earl J. Dotson*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 26 July to 25 October 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Edward P. Downing*, , Artillery, United States Army. 1 March 1956 to 28 December 1958.

Major *John F. Dunn*, , Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 25 March 1954 to 31 March 1957.

First Lieutenant *John T. Farris*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 1 March to 6 August 1957.

Specialist Four *Donald L. Karr*, , United States Army. 24 May 1957 to 28 November 1958.

Master Sergeant *Vincent W. Pilgrim*, , United States Army. 1 February 1953 to 1 December 1958.

Major *Schwyn P. Rogers, Jr.*, , Armor, United States Army. 1 December 1955 to 22 December 1958.

Chaplain (Major) *Joseph F. Sheehan*, , Chaplains, Army of the United States. 7 October 1955 through 15 January 1959.

Colonel *William M. Smith, Jr.*, , then Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery, United States Army. 22 August 1955 to 17 June 1958.

Colonel *Merrick H. Truly*, , General Staff (Infantry), United States Army. 11 May 1956 to 14 January 1959.

Major *Douglas G. Younger*, , Armor, United States Army. 30 March 1956 to 31 December 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:

Colonel *George C. Fogle*, , Infantry, United States Army. 16 April 1956 to 19 January 1959.

Captain *Arthur Geddes*, , (then First Lieutenant), Ordnance Corps, Army of the United States. 29 May to 6 August 1957.

Chaplain (Captain) *Albert F. Ledebuhr*, , Chaplains, United States Army. 16 January 1956 through 27 January 1959.

Colonel *Adam W. Meetze*, , Chemical Corps, United States Army. 19 July to 25 October 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *George A. Murray*, , Infantry, United States Army. 8 March 1956 to 26 December 1958.

Colonel *Jack N. Nahas*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 13 June 1955 to 15 September 1958.

Colonel *Howard H. Simmons*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. March 1956 to January 1959.

Colonel *Lynn D. Smith*, , Infantry, United States Army. 2 August 1958 to 25 October 1958.

Master Sergeant *Maw D. Stith*, , United States Army. 1 August 1955 to 26 August 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 (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Colonel *Harry W. Lyman*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 6 September 1955 to 31 January 1959.

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 for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class *Martin J. Biglin*, , United States Army. 22 December 1958.

Specialist Four *Charles D. Conklyn*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 3 October 1958.

Private First Class *John M. Havilcy, Jr.*, , United States Army. 20 December 1958.

Specialist Four *David W. Larocque*, , Armor, Army of the United States. 11 March 1958.

Sergeant First Class *Edward P. Sherrard*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. 26 November 1958.

Sergeant First Class *Clarence C. Soles*, , Artillery, United States Army. 17 July 1958.

Private First Class *Felipe G. Subido, Jr.*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. 12 July 1958.

5. 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 achievement is awarded to:

Specialist Seven *Sydney T. Farren*, , United States Army. 16 July to 24 October 1958.

VII. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 3, Department of the Army, 1959, as pertains to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Major *Henry M. Francis*, , Artillery, United States Army, 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:

R. V. LEE,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

Distribution:

Distribute in accordance with DA Form 12 Requirements.