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**I..SILVER STAR.** By direction of the President, under provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the period indicated was awarded by Commanding General, 70th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Colonel *Thomas O. Footc*, , then Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery, United States Army, displayed gallantry in action during the Normandy Campaign in 1944.

**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 (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded posthumously to:

Colonel *Frank M. Foley*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. July 1953 to 3 August 1959.

**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 *William H. Billings*, , Infantry, United States Army. August 1954 to 31 August 1959.

Colonel *Francis X. Bradley*, , Infantry, United States Army. 28 May 1951 to 15 July 1959.

Colonel *Inez Haynes*, N88, Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. September 1947 to 31 August 1959.

Colonel *James B. MacDougall*, , Infantry, United States Army. December 1940 to 31 August 1959. (This award supersedes the previous award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to Colonel MacDougall for meritorious service from 21 February 1955 to 1 August 1957, as announced in General Orders Number 78, Headquarters Fifth United States Army, dated 8 July 1957.)

Lieutenant Colonel *Donald L. Manes, Jr.*, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. 19 December 1956 to 2 February 1959.

Brigadier General *Dale B. Ridgely*, , Dental Corps, United States Army. 1 August 1950 to 31 August 1959.

Colonel *Orville Z. Tyler, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. September 1952 to June 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:

- Colonel *Oscar B. Beasley*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. April 1946 to 31 August 1959.
- Major General *Earl O. Bergquist*, , United States Army. July 1947 to 31 August 1959.
- Colonel *Frank M. Hosterman*, , Infantry, United States Army. October 1952 to 31 August 1959.
- Colonel *Claude N. Shaver*, , Artillery, United States Army. May 1953 to 31 August 1959. (This award supersedes the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service from 17 July 1954 to 1 December 1956, as announced in General Orders Number 23, Headquarters Fifth United States Army, dated 28 February 1957.)
- Lieutenant Colonel *Lloyd G. Smith*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 9 November 1954 to 1 December 1958.
- Colonel *Leslie J. Staub*, , Artillery, United States Army. 1 August 1955 to 31 August 1959.
- Brigadier General *Elmer W. Young*, , Veterinary Corps, United States Army. 1 August 1946 to 31 August 1959.

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

Major General *John H. Michaelis*, , United States Army. 15 October 1956 to 19 August 1959.

**IV. 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 (Degree of Commander) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Major General *Henri J. P. J. Corstiens*, Belgian Army. 1 April 1956 to 15 May 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 (Degree of Legionnaire) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Maurice J. L. Nizart*, , French Army. 4 October 1955 to 14 July 1958.

**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 posthumously to:

Sergeant *Albert A. Ilse*, , Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company B, 2d Battle Group, 4th Infantry, distinguished himself by heroism at Hohenfels, Germany, on 14 November 1958. Sergeant *Ilse* was engaged in tactical field training exercises in company with his gun crew making a night withdrawal under blackout conditions when the jeep in which they were riding overturned in deep mud and plumed him and his driver underneath. The vehicle sank to 18 inches and continued to sink slowly, threatening the life of both men. Realizing that immediate rescue would be imperative, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant *Ilse* unselfishly and heroically ordered the members of his crew to rescue the driver first, at the sacrifice of his own life. His brave courage and selfless devotion to his men are in keeping

with the highest and most cherished ideals of the United States Army, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Oscar Vitan*, , Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery C, 4th Missile Battalion (NIKE-HERCULES), 61st Artillery, distinguished himself by heroism on 18 April 1958. While on a fishing trip on the San Joaquin River, Calif., one of his companions accidentally slipped and fell from the boat into the fast, treacherous water. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant *Vitan* immediately jumped fully clad into the water in an attempt to rescue the struggling man. When rescue attempts proved unsuccessful he refused to relinquish his hold on the elderly man and remained with him until they both were carried downstream and drowned. Sergeant *Vitan's* dauntless courage, heroic action, and unselfish regard for his fellowman at the sacrifice of his own life, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

**VI. 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:

Sergeant First Class *James D. Farmer*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, United States Army Engineer Center Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism on 6 May 1959. Sergeant *Farmer* was traveling by automobile in the vicinity of Lincoln, Fairfax County, Va., when he came upon the scene of an accident. After a serious collision a truck had rolled down a steep incline approximately 20 feet below the road surface and landed upside down in a stream. Without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, Sergeant *Farmer* volunteered his efforts to rescue two small girls trapped in the wrecked vehicle. Despite flames which had enveloped the truck and the grave danger of a possible gasoline explosion. Sergeant *Farmer*, in the company of two other men who arrived at the scene, approached the truck, evacuated one of the victims and returned and rescued the second girl. His brave courage, prompt initiative, and unselfish actions saved the children's lives, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Master Sergeant *Paul M. Mitchell*, , United States Army, a member of Headquarters, United States Army, Alaska (Enlisted), Fort Richardson, distinguished himself by heroism on 29 May 1959. While fishing from the bank of the Anchor River near Anchor Point, Alaska, Sergeant *Mitchell* observed a 4-year old boy fall from a large boulder on the bank near him into the cold, swift waters of a dangerous stretch of rapids containing many huge boulders, rock formations, and deep holes. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant *Mitchell*, fully-clothed and wearing waders, plunged immediately into the raging river swollen from the spring runoff of melting snow and ice. When the strong current swept him off his feet and swamped his waders as he reached the boy, he managed to catch the child just as they both went under. Weighted down with his water-filled waders and the boy, Sergeant *Mitchell* struggled over and through the slippery boulders in the waist-deep icy water of the raging stream, worked his way to the bank, laid the small boy over a large boulder and administered artificial respiration until he regained consciousness. The presence of mind, immediate and courageous action displayed by Sergeant *Mitchell* in unselfishly risking his life in this emergency saved the

child from certain drowning, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *William G. Pierce*, , Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of the 60th Field Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash., distinguished himself by heroism at Tacoma, Wash., on 27 May 1959. Upon being informed by a group of children that a little girl had fallen from the old Tacoma Dock, Tacoma, Wash., without hesitation or concern for his own safety and being completely unfamiliar with the depth and possible undercurrents, Sergeant *Pierce* removed his spectacles without which he has only 20/400 vision, and dived into the water under the pier to rescue the victim. In the approaching darkness he was forced to rise to the surface and dive a total of three times to a depth of between 10 and 15 feet in murky water with a strong outgoing tide, before the submerged and unconscious victim was finally located. He then swam with the victim to floating dock where a fellow-soldier lifted the child up and onto the float. Sergeant *Pierce* then administered artificial respiration until police and fire department personnel arrived. Sergeant *Pierce's* prompt and courageous action saved the little girl from drowning, and reflects distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Specialist Four *Abner W. Willis*, , Infantry, a member of Company D, 2d Airborne Battle Group, 501st Infantry, distinguished himself by heroism at Rio Hato, C.Z., on 20 February 1959. While participating in Exercise "Banyan Tree" and making an approach march along the Rio Foralloncito River, a fellow trooper lost his footing on the slippery bank and fell into the river below. The soldier, a nonswimmer, was unable to hold onto the sheer rock bank and, being swept quickly downstream, faced certain drowning. Without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety and despite the swift current and hazardous conditions involved, Specialist *Willis* plunged into the river, dived to the bottom and recovered the nearly drowned victim. Specialist *Willis's* prompt and courageous actions in heroically risking his life in this sudden emergency saved the life of his fellow soldier, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

**VII. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT.** 1. 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 service is awarded to:

Major *Austin W. Bach*, , Military Intelligence, Army of the United States. 29 March 1958 to 20 July 1959.

Colonel *Howard D. Balliett*, , Infantry, United States Army. April 1956 to 22 June 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *William H. Barnett*, , Artillery, United States Army. 25 July 1955 to 30 June 1959.

Master Sergeant *Frank A. Bellan*, , United States Army. February to July 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph H. Botts*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 21 July 1956 to 1 August 1959.

Chief Warrant Officer *Jesse D.*, W2115889, Army of the United States. 14 March 1957 to 30 April 1959.

Colonel *Ira W. Cory*, , United States Army. 5 August 1957 to 30 July 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) *Henry G. Dettmar*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 25 August 1958 to 21 June 1959.

- Major *Philip J. Dolan*, , Artillery, United States Army. 13 July 1956 to 21 July 1959.
- Chief Warrant Officer *Ralph E. Elder*, , Army of the United States. 20 July 1958 to 30 September 1958.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Vincent O. Guerin*, , Infantry, United States Army. 10 July 1955 to 1 August 1959.
- Major *Robert Hand*, , Infantry, United States Army. 8 June 1956 to 31 July 1959.
- Chief Warrant Officer *Harmon B. Hardegree, Jr.*, , Army of the United States. 20 July 1958 to 30 October 1958.
- Captain *John F. Hummer*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. 6 December 1956 to 9 July 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Richard U. Hunter*, , then Major, Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. January 1957 to June 1959.
- Master Sergeant *Orville L. Jensen*, , United States Army. 1 February 1958 to 18 July 1958.
- Master Sergeant *Alfons L. Krzosinski, RA* , United States Army. January to December 1958.
- Lieutenant Colonel *William O. Langley*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 25 July 1956 to 14 August 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Harvey O. Lewis, Jr.*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 18 September 1957 to 7 August 1959.
- Master Sergeant *Oatha R. Linkous*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 1 November 1957 to 13 July 1959.
- Colonel *Donald MacGrain*, , Artillery, United States Army. 1 July 1956 to 30 June 1959.
- Colonel *James R. Maedler*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 17 June 1957 to 24 July 1959.
- Colonel *Charles R. Ratn*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. 11 October 1954 to 31 August 1959.
- First Lieutenant *Connelly Sanders, Jr.*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 27 September 1950 to 10 June 1959.
- Major *Nicholas P. Shell*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 1 March 1956 to 30 June 1959.
- Captain *Richard W. Statham*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. June 1956 to August 1959.
- Master Sergeant *John V. Stick*, , United States Army. 22 November 1954 to 30 June 1959.
- Colonel *Paul B. Tonks*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 1 July 1956 to 9 June 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Othmar H. Weltrauch*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 18 August 1956 to 1 July 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *H. Haskell Ziperman*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 18 October 1954 to 18 January 1959.
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 *Ralph W. Arthur*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 18 July 1956 to 29 May 1959.
- Major *George T. Cahill, Jr.*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 15 September 1955 to 28 May 1959.

- Lieutenant Colonel *James S. Cook, Jr.*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 7 July 1958 to 3 January 1959.
- Colonel *James H. Mackin*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 13 July 1958 to 25 June 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Brian O. Montgomery*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 22 March 1956 to 22 January 1959.
- Colonel *Brice Pace*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 3 October 1957 to 1 September 1959.
- Colonel *Robert G. Sherrard, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. 13 August 1958 to 6 June 1959.
- Master Sergeant *William H. Wanner*, , United States Army. 22 September 1958 to 31 March 1959.
- Colonel *Robert H. York*, , Infantry, United States Army. 10 September 1958 to 14 June 1959.

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 J. Lemley, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States Army. 3 July 1958 to 20 July 1959.
- Colonel *Frank M. Steadman*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 3 February 1948 to 31 July 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:

- Lieutenant Colonel *Robert R. Clark*, , Dental Corps, United States Army. 4 June 1959.
- Captain *Paul A. Corbet, Jr.*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 4 June 1959.
- First Lieutenant *Victor D. Lozada*, , Artillery, Army of the United States. 6 November 1958.
- Sergeant First Class *Olyde E. Poe*, , Army Medical Service, United States Army. 4 May 1959.

**VIII. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT.** So much of paragraph 1, section VI, DA General Orders 30, 1959, as pertains to the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service to Colonel *Patrick F. Cassidy*, , Infantry, 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:

**L. L. LEMNITZER,**  
General, United States Army,  
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