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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, 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 *John M. Willems*, United States Army. December 1950 to December 1961.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, the Distinguished Service Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Major General *Rinaldo Van Brunt*, United States Army. January 1952 to December 1961.

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 posthumously to:

Major General *Povl Vilhelm Hammershoy*, Army of Denmark. October 1959 to July 1961.

III..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 to:

Master Sergeant *Mario C. Chamberlain*, United States Army. May 1959 to December 1961.

Colonel *Samuel E. Saw*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. May 1958 to December 1961.

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:

Lieutenant General *Athanassios Frontistis*, Chief, Hellenic National Defense General Staff of Greece. November 1959 to November 1961.

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 Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Brigadier General *Salvador Garcia-Zapatero*, Army of Peru. August 1959 to August 1961.

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

Major *Helio Bahia Corradini*, Brazilian Army. July 1959 to June 1961.

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 *Richard F. Hand*, United States Army, a member of the United States Army Recruiting Main Station, Raleigh, North Carolina, distinguished himself by heroism on 24 September 1961 at Wilmington, North Carolina. An Air Force C-123 aircraft carrying five civilian newsmen and seven members of the United States Army Parachute Team took off from the New Hanover County Airport where the Army team members were scheduled to participate in parachute jump demonstrations in connection with Civil Air Patrol Air Show. After attaining an altitude of approximately 500 feet the plane leveled off, rapidly lost altitude, crashed on the runway about 2,000 feet from the main spectator area and instantly burst into flames. Sergeant *Hand* arrived at the crash site before the emergency crews and, in company with an officer, attempted to enter the plane. Finding the rear troop doors crushed and blocked by the flames, he entered the plane through a hole in the fuselage and, despite the intensity of the fire, assisted in evacuating several of the injured victims to safety. With full knowledge that the gasoline-saturated air might explode at any time, he made repeated entries and rescued personnel. He remained at the site and aided further in clearing away the wreckage and debris. Throughout the entire period he worked unceasingly, continuously placing the safety of the injured men above his own. The outstanding bravery displayed by Sergeant *Hand* in this sudden emergency is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Master Sergeant *Richard C. Lewis*, United States Air Force, a member of the Idaho Nuclear Power Field Office, National Reactor Testing Station, Idaho, distinguished himself by heroism near Idaho Falls, Idaho, on 3 January 1961. Sergeant *Lewis* was at his residence in the City of Idaho Falls, when he was informed that a severe explosion had occurred within a highly radioactive core of an SL-1 Nuclear Power Plant. He quickly traveled approximately 40 miles at night to the scene of the accident and, upon arrival, found that an effort had failed to locate and rescue an enlisted man known to be inside the reactor building at the time of the explosion. Fully aware of the extremely high radiation rate existing within and surrounding the area of the explosion, and with the complete knowledge of the threatening possibility of another similar explosion, Sergeant *Lewis* entered the building in an effort to locate the missing man. Together with three other individuals, he remained inside the building and, without regard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to the dangerous radiation until the missing crew member was located. Only when it was in fact proved that the man was dead did he withdraw from the contaminated area. The prompt action, presence of mind and unselfish heroism displayed by Sergeant *Lewis* in this sudden emergency are in the most cherished traditions of military service, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Master Sergeant *James F. Miller*, Armor, United States Army, a member of Company C, 2d Medium Tank Battalion, 67th Armor, 4th Armored Division, distinguished himself by heroism on 17 July 1961, near Furth, Germany. Sergeant *Miller* was performing tank maintenance duty in the motor park when an explosion occurred in a nearby tank containing fifty-two rounds of 90mm

ammunition. Sergeant *Miller* instantly noticed that the tank commander, engulfed in flames and critically injured, was struggling unsuccessfully to pull himself free of the burning turret. Without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, Sergeant *Miller* leaped onto the burning tank. Voluntarily exposing himself to the full force of possible further explosions, he dragged the wounded man up and out of the turret. Almost immediately a second explosion hurled both men off the tank to the ground. Sergeant *Miller*, continuing his efforts, quickly beat out the flames on the injured victim with his hands and, after bringing the flames under control, aided in dragging the tank commander to a place of safety some distance from the burning tank The entire stock of 90mm ammunition continued to explode in the burning tank. His prompt and decisive action, under conditions of extreme danger, spared his fellow soldier from further serious injury and possibly instant death. Sergeant *Miller's* unselfish courage and heroic actions are in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain *Robert L. Morgan*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of the Idaho Nuclear Power Field Office, National Reactor Testing Station, distinguished himself by heroism near Idaho Falls, Idaho, on 3 January 1961. Captain *Morgan* was at home when he was informed of a severe explosion some 40 miles away within the highly radioactive core of an SL-1 Nuclear Power Plant. Rushing immediately to the scene, he discovered upon arrival that a previous attempt had failed to locate and rescue an enlisted man known to have been in the building. Fully aware of the extremely high rate of radiation existing within and surrounding the area of the explosion, and with the complete knowledge of the threatening possibility of another similar explosion, Captain *Morgan* voluntarily entered the building in an effort to locate the missing man. Together with three other individuals, he remained inside the building and, without regard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to the dangerous rediation until the missing crew member was located. He withdrew from the contaminated area only when it was positively established that the man was dead. After the withdrawal, Captain *Morgan* quickly realized that a fire in the reactor building would result in widespread lethal radiation. To prevent this, he re-entered the contaminated area and secured all doors, sealing off the hot air furnace as a precautionary measure. The prompt action, presence of mind and unselfish heroism displayed by Captain *Morgan* in this sudden emergency are in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

VI. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service is awarded to:

Major *Richard F. Albera*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1959 to September 1961.

Master Sergeant *Eldon I. Childs*, United States Army. July 1959 to July 1961.

Colonel *Theodore W. Davis*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1952 to May 1961.

Chief Warrant Officer *Leslie E. Decker*, United States Army. December 1960 to August 1961.

Major *Duane J. Doty*, United States Marine Corps. April 1958 to August 1961.

Sergeant First Class *Harold N. Dugan, Jr.*, United States Army. October 1957 to October 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph Emery, Jr.*, Army Intelligence (Quartermaster Corps), United States Army. July 1960 to August 1961.

Captain *Donald E. Fields*, Army Intelligence (Quartermaster Corps), United States Army. December 1958 to August 1961.

Sergeant Major *Donald R. Finnestad*, United States Army. August 1953 to March 1961.

Colonel *John R. Hall*, General Staff (Finance Corps), United States Army. June 1955 to December 1961.

Captain *Narlon G. Larsen*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1959 to July 1961.

Major *Stan A. McKinney*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. April 1958 to July 1961.

Chief Warrant Officer *Ellsworth R. Merrick*, United States Army. July 1958 to October 1961.

Master Sergeant *Clair A. Newman*, United States Army. November 1958 to July 1961.

Captain *Oscar A. Patterson*, Medical Service Corps, United States Army. October 1958 to November 1961.

Lieutenant *Clarence E. Reed*, Supply Corps, United States Navy. February 1960 to August 1961.

Sergeant First Class *Carl L. Schaub*, United States Army. October 1960 to June 1961.

Captain *Homer E. Schott*, Infantry, United States Army. June 1959 to November 1961.

Captain *Fred C. Sheffey, Jr.*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. August 1960 to September 1961.

Colonel *Burdwell H. Shipe*, Transportation Corps, United States Army. August 1960 to November 1961.

Captain *James F. E. Taylor*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. March 1957 to December 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Troy E. Whiting*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. August 1960 to November 1961.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (*First Oak Leaf Cluster*) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Chief Warrant Officer *William A. Barbee*, United States Army. June 1959 to November 1961.

Major *Henry Baade*, Signal Corps, United States Army. July 1956 to December 1961.

Major *Herbert L. Bergen*, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. October 1959 to September 1961.

Master Sergeant *Percy H. Dayton*, United States Army. October 1958 to May 1961.

Colonel *Omer S. Dews*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1959 to September 1961.

Colonel *Franklin K. Eberhard*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1957 to January 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Raymond F. Hodgdon*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. October 1959 to October 1961.

Colonel *Francis E. Houghton*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. December 1957 to October 1961.

Master Sergeant *Fred J. Lozier*, United States Army. September 1959 to August 1961.

Master Sergeant *Omer E. Mason*, United States Army. May 1955 to June 1961.

Captain *Harcourt Newman*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1959 to August 1961.

Colonel *Robert O. Peterson*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. February 1953 to October 1961.

Colonel *William D. Putnam*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. January 1955 to October 1961.

Colonel *Cornelius M. Reing*, Inspector General (Quartermaster Corps), United States Army. December 1959 to November 1961.

Major *George P. Rogers*, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. July 1958 to August 1961.

Colonel *Walter C. Sanders*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. June 1956 to September 1961.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Colonel *William D. Buchanan*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1957 to August 1961.

Colonel *Sheldon M. Gilman*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. June 1958 to September 1961.

4. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Colonel *Stanley W. Phillips*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1959 to July 1961.

5. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Private First Class *Charles E. Mexico*, United States Army. 24 August 1961.

Captain *David E. Visnaw*, Army Security (Signal Corps), United States Army. 8 July 1961.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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