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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 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Brigadier General *George E. Martin*, United States Army. 25 July 1952 to 5 July 1953.

2. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished-Service Medal (second Oak-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant General *Reuben E. Jenkins*, United States Army. 9 August 1952 to 13 October 1953.

Major General *Edwin L. Sibert*, United States Army. 5 January to 15 October 1953.

II. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant *Ham Jin Oh*, Infantry, Republic of Korea Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kumwha, Korea, on 30 and 31 October 1952. His company was ordered to counterattack Hill 598 and restore the friendly lines. The crest of the hill was under direct enemy observation and was well zeroed in by enemy guns. But despite heavy enemy fire and the large number of casualties which it inflicted upon the company, Lieutenant *Ham*, exhibiting extraordinary leadership, inspired his men to make determined efforts to gain the objective. Reaching the crest of the hill, he reorganized his men, and since three of his platoon leaders were killed and the other wounded, he took command of three platoons and ordered his executive officer to lead the other. Supported by heavy artillery fire, fresh enemy troops stormed their positions and engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the stubborn defenders. Although the morale of his troops was steadily decreasing because of heavy casualties and enemy superiority in strength, they continued to fight determinedly, inspired by the selfless and gallant acts of Lieutenant *Ham*. Despite wounds received during this action, he again joined in the attack, hurling grenades at the enemy and moving through the area encouraging his men until the explosion of an enemy shell rendered him unconscious and his company was ordered to withdraw. The selfless devotion to duty, outstanding leadership, and persistent courage displayed by Lieutenant *Ham* reflect great credit on himself and the Republic of Korea Army.

Caporal Chef *Georges Vuillermet*, Infantry, Army of the Republic of France, a member of First Company, French Battalion, attached to the 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d United States Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy near Sat'ae-ri, Korea, on the night of 11 and 12 October 1951. His platoon was issued a flame thrower for a night attack on Hill 851, the last remaining concentration of enemy strength on Heartbreak Ridge. Caporal Chef *Vuillermet* moved out with the flame-thrower operator to the fanatically defended hostile positions, where two enemy bunkers were quickly eliminated. Although wounded during this action, he returned with the flame-thrower operator, now out of fuel, and led his squad in the assault against the second enemy line of resistance on Hill 851. He charged ahead through intense enemy fire into a trench occupied by a squad of enemy troops. Despite the tremendous odds against him, Caporal Chef *Vuillermet* engaged the foe in close combat, utilizing hand grenades to completely annihilate the enemy. His courageous and inspiring actions materially contributed to the success of his platoon in securing its objective with a minimum of casualties. The selfless devotion to duty and courage displayed by Caporal Chef *Vuillermet* reflect great credit on himself and the Army of the Republic of France.

III...LEGION OF MERIT.—1. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit (first Oak-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major General *Leroy H. Watson*, United States Army, 8 June 1951 to 30 September 1953.

2. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit (second Oak-Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Louis T. Heath*, United States Army, 11 September 1951 to 31 July 1953.

Brigadier General *Ralph M. Osborne*, United States Army, 26 July 1952 to 31 October 1953.

Major General *Gordon B. Rogers*, United States Army, 3 June 1952 to 25 October 1953.

IV...LEGION OF MERIT.—1. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major General *Kim Hyung Il*, Republic of Korea Army, 7 August 1952 to 1 June 1953.

Captain *Victor F. Maincent*, French Navy, 27 August 1951 to 15 September 1953.

Brigadier General *Ryu Hung Soo* (then colonel), Republic of Korea Army, 21 October 1951 to 10 November 1952.

2. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942), and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Ernest D. Danby*, Royal Canadian Army. 28 July 1951 to 14 May 1953.

V..SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on the date indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant *Keith R. Kerr*, Signal Corps, United States Army, a member of the 833d Signal Service Company, distinguished himself by heroism at Bas Samois, France, on 14 July 1953. After being involved in a collision in which one of the vehicles plunged down a precipitous embankment into the Seine River, he observed that the driver was trapped in the rapidly sinking vehicle and in dire distress. Unhesitatingly, he pushed his way through heavy undergrowth covering the steep slope and jumped fully clothed into the swift and polluted water of the Seine River, which was particularly turbulent at that point, in a heroic effort to extricate the man from the car. While calling words of encouragement as he swam in the darkness to the rescue of the helpless man, and guided only by his screams for help, Lieutenant *Kerr* was either stricken by a cramp or exhausted by his valiant efforts when he disappeared from sight and drowned. Lieutenant *Kerr's* prompt and courageous action, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and self-sacrifice in his valiant attempt to save a human life reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service.

VI..SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class *Stanley W. Bryn*, Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery B, 506th AAA Gun Battalion, distinguished himself by heroism at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 8 July 1952. While performing his duties in the mess hall, he heard a loud explosion and observed flames coming from a nearly 90-mm gun revetment. One round of 90-mm ammunition, which was stored with twenty-one other rounds, was accidentally exploded. Private *Bryn* immediately left the mess hall with a bucket of water and attempted to extinguish the burning ammunition boxes. After making two additional trips to the fire barrel for water, he remained in the revetment until the blaze was extinguished. The prompt and courageous action taken by Private *Bryn* in the face of grave danger reflects distinct credit on himself and the military service.

VII..BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major *William H. Ellery*, British Army. 6 December 1950 to 4 February 1952.

VIII..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT.—1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major *Robert D. Allard*, Infantry, United States Army. 26 January to 7 September 1953.

Captain *Bessie L. Brower*, Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. 15 December 1952 to 24 September 1953.

First Lieutenant *Carl E. Duckett*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 1 August 1952 to 5 June 1953.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named warrant officer and enlisted men:

Warrant Officer (Junior grade) *George A. Barton* (Service No. W2150170), United States Army. 26 to 28 June 1953.

Sergeant First Class *Paul L. Kee*, Infantry, United States Army. 4 September 1953.

Corporal *J. Dell Kingston*, Military Police Corps, United States Army. 26 February 1953.

Private First Class *John Malangone*, Infantry, United States Army. 27 August 1953.

Private First Class *Walter B. Wilson, Jr.*, Military Police Corps, United States Army. 26 February 1953.

IX..LEGION OF MERIT.—So much of section III, WD General Orders 110, 1945, as pertains to Colonel *John C. Mechem* and reads "Legion of Merit" is amended to read "Legion of Merit (first Oak-Leaf Cluster)."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

M. B. RIDGWAY,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

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WM. E. BERGIN,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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