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I.LEGION OF MERIT. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (Sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (Sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel Charles B. Ewing, to 30 June 1957.

Armor, United States Army. 1 July 1947
United States Army. 1 May 1947 to

Colonel Lynwood D. Lott, 81 May 1957.

Quartermaster Corps, United States

Colonel Maurice Matisoff, Quarte Army, 16 February 1956 to 30 June 1957.

Artillery, United States Army. 8 October 1946

Colonel Arthur Roth, to 31 July 1957.

Colonel Robert G. Turner, to July 1957.

Infantry, United States Army. July 1927

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (Sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 19600, 15 March 1955 (Sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit (first 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 James H. Banville, ary 1947 to 30 June 1957.

United States Army. 1 Janu-

Brigadier General Paul D. Berrigan, 1940 to 31 July 1957. United States Army, 2 April

Brigadier General Charles P. Bixel, ary 1947 to 31 July 1957. United States Army. 1 Janu-

Brigadier General Walter M. Johnson, ary 1946 to June 1957.

United States Army. Janu-

August 1956. Brigadier General Francis A. Kreidel,

United States Army. 3 Sep-

tember 1947 to 30 June 1957. Major General Roy E. Lindquist,

United States Army, 5 July 1956

to 15 March 1957. Colonel Robert G. Lowc, Armor, United States Army. 8 June

1948 to 31 July 1957. Brigadier General Charles H. McNutt.

Colonel Archibald King.

utt. United States Army. Jan-

United States Army. 26 July 1948 to 10

uary 1946 to 30 June 1957.

Colonel George L. Richon, July 1958 to 31 July 1957. Signal Corps, United States Army. 23

Brigadier General Alden P. Taber, ruary 1950 to 30 June 1957. United States Army. 10 Feb-

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (Sec. III, WI) Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (Sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955) the Legion of Merit (second Oak Leaf TAGO 752B—Aug. 440478°—57

Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major General John R. Hardin, United States Army. 1 January 1946 to 30 June 1957.

Brigadier General Charles H. Swartz, United States Army. 9
May 1950 to 8 March 1957.

II.LEGION OF MERIT. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit in the Degree of Commander for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Field Marshal Phin Choohavan, Royal Thai Army. 26 June 1950 to 20 April 1956.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, (sec. III, WD Bul. 54, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955) the Legion of Merit in the degree of Officer (Second Award) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major General Kim Hyung II, Republic of Korea Army. 6 July 1954 to 14 March 1956.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955) the Legion of Merit in the Degree of Legionnaire for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following officer:

Captain Ruben Rodriguez Olvera, Mexican Army. 27 July 1955 to 31 May 1957.

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 on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant Arthur R. Van Horne, Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism while flying in support of Operation Darien in the jungles of Panama on 22 September 1956. The ground force of the operation was isolated deep in uncharted jungle terrain and in grave peril due to breakdown in communications and rapidly deteriorating weather conditions. On 22 September, during the height of the tropical rainy season, a fog blanket along the ground combined with rapidly forming cloud banks and thunderheads, shrouded the operational area. During the late morning hours, Lieutenant Van Horne, flying an emergency mission with an H-13 Helicopter, resolved to make the attempt to gain the small helicopter site that had been constructed on top of a narrow ridgling flanking the east of the Jicotea River Canyon. With visibility reduced to almost nothing and the helicopter site completely covered with clouds, Lieutenant Van Horne maneuvered his H-13 at treetop level well below the elevation of the sheer cliffs and critical terrain features that surrounded him on all sides and moved into the narrow canyon of the River Jicotea, seaching for familiar landmarks to guide him to his objective. With only a few hundred yards of maneuvering space in any direction, and only fleeting glimpses of the cliffs, hill masses, and high trees around him, he slowly orbited his H-13 toward the helicopter site. By taking advantage of every small break in the nearly impenetrable wall of fog **TAGO 752B** and clouds, he was finally able to bring his helicopter into a position from which he could hear a sound flash explosion from a Very Pistol fired by the ground force. He landed on the site at a time when visibility was so poor that no nearby terrain features could be distinguished, bringing in the supplies and equipment that were so desperately needed by the ground force. The actions of Lieutenant Van Horne under extremely hazardous conditions demonstrated unusual courage and is a credit to both himself and the military service.

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

Specialist Third Class Franklin R. Alvarado, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "K", 39th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Carson, Colorado, on 11 December 1956. During instruction in throwing of live fragmentation hand grenades, a grenade improperly thrown by a trainee in the bay with Specialist Third Class Alvarado, failed to clear the parapet to the front of the bay and rolled back into the pit. Apparently shaken, the trainee fell on the grenade. Aware of the danger involved, Specialist Third Class Alvarado unhesitantly and with complete disregard for his own safety, pushed the trainee aside, picked up the grenade, and threw it. The grenade barely cleared the parapet when it exploded in mid air. Specialist Third Class Alvarado's interpedity and prompt courageous actions reflect great credit on himself and uphold the traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Richard Burgess Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "G", 39th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Carson, Colorado, on 13 December 1956. While supervising training in throwing live fragmentation grenades, Sergeant Burgess saw a grenade thrown by a trainee rebound into the pit. Sergeant Burgess quickly pulled the soldier out of the pit before the grenade exploded. On his next throw the trainee again hit the wall and the grenade rebounded into the pit. Again Sergeant Burgess with no thought of his own safety pulled the trainee from the pit, recovered the live grenade and threw it from the pit where it exploded harmlessly. Sergeant Burgess' alert and courageous actions averted injury or possible fatality, reflecting great credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class Dalton L. Delone, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "G", 39th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Carson, Colorado, on 13 December 1956. While supervising training in the throwing of live fragmentation grenades Sergeant Delone saw a trainee throw a grenade which failed to clear the forward wall and fell back into the pit. Realizing that only seconds remained before the grenade would explode Sergeant Delone, with utter disregard for his own safety, kicked the grenade into the grenade sump and pulled the trainee to safety at the rear of the pit. The prompt and courageous actions of Sergeant Delone prevented injury or possible death, reflecting great credit on himself and the military service.

Specialist Second Class Robert V. Dold,

Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism near Oui-Dong, Korea, on 4 November 1956. Upon learning that a comrade had been injured by an antipersonnel mine, Specialist Dold immediately procured a vehicle, picked up an aid man and quickly drove to the scene of the accident. Fully aware of the danger involved and without benefit of a safe lane or mine detector, he unhesitatingly entered the uncharted minefield and went to the rescue of the helpless man. After assisting in administering first aid, he helped evacuate the critically injured man by litter

to an awaiting ambulance which rushed him to a collecting station for further treatment. Specialist *Dold's* valorous actions were instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier, reflecting utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles E. Hailey, Ordnance Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 2 August 1956 at Pusan, Korea. When PFC Hailey received word that a group of people were in distress on a point of land at Heunde Beach, Pusan, Korea, he promptly proceeded to the scene with his commanding officer and other personnel from his unit. He found that a huge wave in the wake of a typhoon had washed several persons into the sea and they were being drowned by the raging surf. PFC Hailey, with the help of several enlisted men, attempted to throw a rope to one of the drowning victims. This required him to climb down a jutting cliff where waves were breaking ferociously against the rocks. Realizing the futility of their efforts, PFC Halley and the others decided to return to higher ground. As they proceeded up the cliff, one of the waves swept PFC Hailey and a companion off their feet. Hailey pulled himself to safety, sustaining a fractured ankle and a chipped elbow, while his companion was washed off the rocks and drowned in the sea. PFC Hailey's heroic actions in the emergency reflect the highest credit on himself and the United States Army.

Master Sergeant John F. Kelly, Jr.,

United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism at Croeffelbach, Germany, on 26 April 1956. During the return of the battery from a rifle range a vehicle carrying 22 men went out of control and overturned at the bottom of a ravine, killing six and trapping the others under approximately 10 tons of truck and equipment. When winches of other vehicles failed to raise the truck, Sergeant Kelly collected all available jacks and directed the elevation of the vehicle. Despite the fact that the truck slipped off the jacks and was finally raised to precarious position Sergeant Kelly disregarded his own safety and crawled under the vehicle several times to administer first aid, release men from pinned positions, and direct other rescue efforts. The operation was made additionally hazardous by the fact that the area was soaked with approximately 500 gallons of gasoline. Sergeant Kelly's leadership, initiative, and courage reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class Robert L. Kepner, Ordnance Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 2 August 1956 at Pusan, Korea. When Sergeant Kepner received word that a group of people were in distress on a point of land at Heunde Beach, Pusan, Korea, he promptly proceeded to the scene with his commanding officer and other personnel from his unit. He found that a huge wave in the wake of a typhoon had washed several persons into the sea and they were being drowned by the raging surf. Sergeant Kepner, with the help of several enlisted men, attempted to throw a rope to one of the drowning victims. This required him to climb down a jutting cliff where high waves were breaking ferociously against the rocks, placing him in great danger of being swept into the sea. Risking his own life, he exhibited every possible effort to complete the rescue. Sergeant Kepner's heroic actions in the emergency reflect the highest credit on himself and the United States Army.

Private First Class William D. La Porte,

Ordnance Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 2 August 1956 at Pusan, Korea. When PFC La Porte received word that a group of people were in distress on a point of land at Heunde Beach, Pusan, Korea, he promptly proceeded to the scene with his commanding officer and other personnel from his unit. He found that a huge wave in the wake of a typhoon had washed several persons into the sea and they were being drowned by the raging surf. PFC

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La Porte, with the help of several enlisted men, attempted to throw a rope to one of the drowning victims. This required him to climb down a jutting cliff where high waves were breaking feroclously against the rocks, placing him in great danger of being swept into the sea. Risking his own life, he exhibited every possible effort to complete the rescue. PFC La Porte's heroic actions in the emergency reflect the highest credit on himself and the United States Army.

Chief Warrant Officer Sedrick G. Laughlin, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism at Bamberg, Germany on 22 February 1956. While driving in the vicinity of the partially frozen Regnitz River, Warrant Officer Laughlin noticed the futile efforts of a German civilian to rescue a young girl from the icy water. With complete disregard for his own safety, Warrant Officer Laughlin plunged, fully clothed, into the water and swam to the aid of the girl. Fighting a treacherous current and using his hands to break a path through the ice, Warrant Officer Laughlin brought the child safely to the edge of the thin ice. Although injured himself and so weakened by the physical exertion he required assistance in getting from the water, Warrant Officer Laughlin's immediate, voluntary and courageous action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class Librado P. Sanchez,

United States Army, Chief Technician, Aid Station, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism near Oui-Dong, Korea, on 4 November 1956. Upon learning that a fellow soldier had stepped on an anti-personnel mine and lay injured in an uncharted minefield, Sergeant Sanchez immediately proceeded to the scene of the accident. Despite the lack of a safe lane or mine detector, he courageously entered the hazardous area, made his precarious way to the suffering man and stemmed profuse bleeding by means of a torniquet. After administering emergency first aid, he assisted in evacuating the helpless man by litter to an awaiting ambulance for removal to a collecting station for further treatment. Sergeant Sanchez' quick thinking and valorous actions resulted in the saving of a comrade's life, reflecting utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Charles D. Summers, Ordnance Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 2 August 1956, at Pusan, Korea. When Lieutenant Summers received word at the Detachment that a group of people were in distress on a point of land at Heunde Beach, Pusan, Korea, he promptly proceeded to the scene with other personnel from his unit and found that a huge wave in the wake of a typhoon had washed several persons into the sea and they were being drowned by the raging surf. Lieutenant Summers, without regard for his own personal safety, attempted to swim to one of the drowning victims, but was forced back by the high waves. Risking his own life, he exhibited every possible effort to complete the rescue, Lieutenant Summers' heroic actions and ability to assume command in an emergency situation reflect the highest credit on himself and the United States Army.

Private First Class Fred Vidman, Ordnance Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 2 August 1956 at Pusan, Korea. When PFC Vidman received word that a group of people were in distress on a point of land at Heunde Beach, Pusan, Korea, he promptly proceeded to the scene with his commanding officer and other personnel from his unit. He found that a huge wave in the wake of a typhoon had washed several persons into the sea and they were being drowned by the raging surf. PFC Vidman, with the help of several enlisted men, attempted to throw a rope to one of the drown-TAGO 752B

ing victims. This required him to climb down a jutting cliff where high waves were breaking ferociously against the rocks, placing him in great danger of being swept into the sea. Risking his own life, he exhibited every possible effort to complete the rescue. PFC Vidman's heroic actions in the emergency reflect the highest credit on himself and the United States Army.

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

Captain Joseph H. Hoffman, Jr., Infantry, United States Army. 20 October 1952 to 3 May 1953.

VI_BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, W D Bul. 3, 1944) the Bornze Star Medal with "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Corporal Donald D. Adkins, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism near Chorwon, Korea, on 18 September 1952. During the afternoon the enemy moved two 75 millimeter recoilless rifles into a position where they were able to direct effective fire on the positions occupied by Company K. When it became evident that no other means of neutralizing the fire was available, Corporal Adkins engaged the rifles at a range of approximately 450 yards with a light machine gun. He succeeded in killing the crew of one gun when the other discovered him and destroyed his bunker with a direct hit. Corporal Adkins then moved to another position and again engaged the enemy until his machine gun was destroyed by a direct hit. Despite wounds received by the two direct hits, Corporal Adkins continued at his position using rifle and grenades until forced to retire by lack of ammunition. The heroism displayed by Corporal Adkins reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Corporal Faber R. Baldon, (then Sergeant First Class), Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism near Chorwon, Korea, 18–19 September 1952. When an attack on the hill, "Old Baldy" was met by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, Corporal Baldon repeatedly exposed himself going from bunker to bunker encouraging his men. He led a successful assault on an important enemy position, and, when ordered to withdraw, Corporal Baldon remained until all wounded had been evacuated. The bravery and leadership displayed by Corporal Baldon reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jerald H. Lucas, Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism at Sang Mago Ri, Korea, on 18 September 1952. During a severe enemy attack on his position, Private Lucas left the comparative safety of a bunker and braved heavy artillery and small arms fire to get a case of grenades from another platoon. Private Lucas' action enabled his comrades to inflict additional casualties on the enemy and effect an orderly withdrawal, reflecting great credit on himself and the military service.

Corporal Marvin A. Radke, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism near Chorwon, Korea, on 18 September 1952. While his unit was withdrawing from a hill in order to regroup, Corporal Radke returned to the most forward bunker, within 75 yards

of the enemy, in order to rescue a seriously wounded comrade. Despite continuous enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Corporal Radke successfully completed his voluntary mission. The cool courage of Corporal Radke contributed in large measure to the saving of his comrade's life and reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Vincent Vivier, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on "Old Baldy" Hill, Korea, on 18 September 1952. When an enemy attack succeeding in overrunning forward positions and threatened to capture the entire position, Private Vivier maintained accurate and deadly fire from his machine gun on the attacking force. Despite heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire directly on his bunker, Private Vivier held his position until his weapon became useless. By his courage and deliberate calmness Private Vivier inflicted severe casualties on the enemy and repulsed the assault. His devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, Bul. 3, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain Tom F. Modisett. Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on "Old Baldy" Hill, Korea on 18 August 1952. During an enemy attack on the position occupied by his company, he voluntarily exposed himself to heavy artillery and small arms fire in order to find cover for his men and direct return fire. Despite severe wounds he refused evacuation until the enemy had been repulsed and his objective secured. The courage and leadership displayed by Captain Modisctt reflect great credit on 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 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant Leroy W. Johnson.

United States Army. March

1953 to October 1954.

Captain Robert M. Lathron.

Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army, 21 March 1955 to 1 July 1957. Infantry, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Paul S. Lawrence. 25 June 1954 to 10 July 1957.

Master Sergeant John J. Purcell.

Medical Corps, United States Army. 25 January to 27 March 1956.

Major David H. Smith, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 February through 10 July 1957.

Corps of Engineers, Private First Class Francis W. Surdyka, United States Army. 2 April 1956 to 14 August 1956.

Major Edward A. Turrou, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. April 1954 to July 1957.

First Lleutenant George J. Vukasin, Military Police Corps, United States Army. 15 June 1956 to 1 May 1957.

Transportation Corps, United States Army. Captain Ben H. York, 29 December 1054 through 7 January 1957.

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 for meritorious achievement on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

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Specialist Third Class Errin P. Cain, Army. 13 August 1956.

Private First Class Russell D. Furlong, States Army. 22 April 1956.

United States Army, (then Private). United

Corporal Benjamin L. Jones,

Military Police Corps, United

States Army Reserve. 22 October 1956.

Major Robert C. Lang.

Signal Corps-USAR. 17 August 1956.

Specialist Third Class Wittiam J. Libby, Jr. 22 April 1956.

United States Army.

Specialist Third Class Orville Mortimore, Jr.,

Army. 23 April 1956.

United States

Specialist Third Class Herbert Starry (then Private First Class). Infantry, United States Army, 1 April 1956.

Private First Class Richard L. Talanda, 23 April 1956.

United States Army.

Major Raymond Welch, 1956.

Artillery, United States Army. 25 June

Private First Class Roger C. Williams, neer Battalion (Combat), United States Army. 31 October 1956.

Company A, 11th Engi-

Private First Class Richard C. Young, States Army, 22 April 1956.

(then Private), United

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 (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Chief Warrant Officer Edward H. Bryant,

United States Army.

13 August 1956. Major Glen R. Johnson, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 3 December 1953 to 1 September 1956.

VIII DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. So much of section I, General Orders No. 33, Department of the Army, 1957, as pertains to award of the Distinguished Service Medal (first Oak Leaf Cluster) to Major General Leonard D. Heaton, as reads "Distinguished Service Medal (first Oak Leaf Cluster)" is amended to read "Distinguished Service Medal".

By Order of Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army:

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

Official:

HERBERT M. JONES. Major General, United States Army, The Adjutant General.

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