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I. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. 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 the following-named officer:

Major General *George B. Barth*, , United States Army. 1 December 1952 to 12 November 1957.

II. 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 the following-named officer:

Colonel *George L. Beatty*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 8 November 1948 to 31 December 1957.

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 the following-named officers:

Colonel *David McCoach, III*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army.
4 June 1954 to 31 July 1957.

Colonel *John L. Owens*, , Veterinary Corps, United States Army.
19 September 1949 to 31 December 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 in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant General *Alfonso Arollano*, Armed Forces of the Philippines. December 1956 to December 1957.

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 in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to the following-named officer:

Brigadier *Hassan Mustafa*, Army of Iraq. 23 June 1954 to 1 June 1957.

IV. 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 is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *Joe D. Underwood*, , Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on 13 and 14 October 1957. When an Air Force Jet Trainer T-33 crashed at an elevation of approximately 9,000 feet on Cheyenne Mountain;

Lieutenant *Underwood* voluntarily made three flights in an H-13 type helicopter to identify, recover and evacuate bodies from the scene of the crash. With complete disregard for his own safety and despite dangerous air currents, sheer hazardous peaks, inadequate landing area, heavy rainstorms at the crash location, and with full knowledge that aircraft failure or misjudgment might have meant certain death, Lieutenant *Underwood* accomplished this mission above and beyond the call of duty. In the performance of this perilous task he continuously maintained and displayed unlimited physical endurance and professional competence. His prompt and courageous action in the face of grave danger reflects the utmost credit on himself, his unit, and the military service.

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 the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Corporal *Morris R. Adams*, , Infantry, Texas National Guard, distinguished himself by heroism during a major flood in the City of Abilene, Texas, on 11 May 1957. While cooperating with civilian authorities in routine evacuation of flooded areas, Corporal *Adams*, together with two members of his unit, discovered two girls helplessly trapped in an automobile which was being carried swiftly into Big Elm Creek by swollen flood tides. Without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, Corporal *Adams* accompanied two members of his unit in a truck into the raging stream. When the truck had wedged the automobile against the opposite bank, he got out on the hood of the truck, rescued the two girls from the car and removed them to safety. The prompt and courageous action displayed by Corporal *Adams* saved the two girls from possible death or serious injury and reflects the utmost credit on himself, his unit, and the military service.

Specialist Second Class *Alan L. Agar*, , United States Army, Aviation Detachment, Headquarters United States Army, Europe, distinguished himself by heroism at the Army Airfield, Heidelberg, Germany, on 5 August 1957. While on duty in the Technical Supply Office, Specialist *Agar* responded to a fire alarm and observed a 1,200-gallon aviation fuel tanker ablaze. The burning tanker was parked between two other similar-sized tankers filled with high octane aviation fuel. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Specialist *Agar* climbed upon the burning tanker and rapidly extinguished the blazing gasoline. By his prompt and fearless action he undoubtedly averted a severe explosion which would have caused heavy monetary loss and could have resulted in the death of or injury to personnel. The quick, courageous action of Specialist *Agar* in risking his life to extinguish the fire before the arrival of any fire fighting equipment reflects the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Specialist Third Class *Gerald B. Montgomery*, , Infantry, Texas National Guard, distinguished himself by heroism during a major flood in the City of Abilene, Texas, on 11 May 1957. While cooperating with civilian authorities in routine evacuation of flooded areas, Specialist Third Class *Montgomery*, together with two members of his unit, discovered two girls helplessly trapped in an automobile which was being carried swiftly into Big Elm Creek by swollen flood tides. Without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, Specialist Third Class *Montgomery* accompanied two members of his unit in a truck into

the raging stream. When the truck had wedged the automobile against the opposite bank, he got out on the hood of the truck, rescued the two girls from the car and removed them to safety. The prompt and courageous action displayed by Specialist Third Class *Montgomery* saved the two girls from possible death or serious injury and reflects the utmost credit on himself, his unit, and the military service.

Private First Class *Donald R. Moore*, , Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism in the Oswego Water Intake Tunnel under Lake Ontario, at Oswego, New York, on 18 and 19 August 1957. An explosion, believed to have been caused by the premature detonation of one of the booster charges used to set off a large blasting operation being conducted by civilian engineers, occurred at the entrance of the tunnel and trapped three members of a working crew inside. Upon arriving at the scene Private *Moore* immediately joined a rescue team and entered the tunnel. Large concentrations of deadly gases in the tunnel continually hampered efforts to reach the stricken men, but after approximately 4 hours Private *Moore* located one of the victims and with the assistance of a civilian member of the rescue team placed the body on a stretcher. As they proceeded from about the 4,000-foot mark to make their way to the entrance the civilian became panicky, dropped his end of the litter, and removed his oxygen mask. Private *Moore* realizing the certain danger of this gesture physically restrained the individual and replaced the mask. A few moments later a similar incident occurred; this time with a civilian removing his mask and running deeper into the tunnel. With the aid of another civilian, Private *Moore* struggled to return the man to the mouth of the tunnel, but was forced to abandon his efforts when his own supply of oxygen failed and he was brought out of the tunnel. The heroic action and unselfish disregard for his own personal safety, clear thinking, and leadership which Private *Moore* provided for other members of the rescue team, undoubtedly resulted in the prevention of several additional casualties, and reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Jerry R. Moser*, , Artillery, United States Army, a member of C Battery, 98th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (120-mm Gun), distinguished himself by heroism at Anchorage, Alaska on 31 July 1957. While seated with two of his fellow soldiers in an automobile parked near Merrill Field, Private *Moser* observed the crash of a light plane some 200 yards away. Running immediately to the scene of the crash, Private *Moser* and his companions saw that fire from the motor threatened gasoline leaking from the fuel tanks of the aircraft. While one of the soldiers manned a fire extinguisher Private *Moser* and the other soldier began searching for survivors. In the darkness it was necessary to move both the fuselage and one of the wings to locate them. Working quickly in disregard of their personal safety the soldiers located and removed four unconscious survivors from the wreckage. The immediate, effective action by Private *Moser* prevented the burning of the aircraft and made possible the rescue of its passengers, reflecting great credit on himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant *Anderson H. Puckett*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism in the Oswego Water Intake Tunnel under Lake Ontario, at Oswego, New York, on 18 and 19 August 1957. An explosion, believed to have been caused by the premature detonation of one of the booster charges used to set off a large blasting operation conducted by civilian engineers, occurred at the entrance of the tunnel and trapped three members of a

working crew inside. With complete disregard for his own safety and after repeated warnings of the great risk involved, Lieutenant *Puckett* entered the tunnel and took charge of operations to rescue the stricken individuals. In spite of the fact that large concentrations of gas filled the tunnel and made it necessary to wear oxygen masks at all times, Lieutenant *Puckett* spent a total of more than 6 hours beneath the surface of the lake directing the unsuccessful attempts to save the lives of the trapped men. At all times he was in grave danger due to lack of knowledge as to what had caused the initial explosion, and the possibility that the main charge might be detonated at any moment. On several occasions, while directing personnel within the tunnel, only his prompt thinking and presence of mind prevented further loss of life. Lieutenant *Puckett* left the tunnel only when it had been determined that the three men had been killed in the initial explosion, and even then only when he was physically removed on orders from his commanding officer. The heroic action and unselfish disregard for his own personal safety displayed by Lieutenant *Puckett* reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Dyal C. Quarles*, , Artillery, United State Army, a member of C Battery, 96th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (120-mm Gun), distinguished himself by heroism at Anchorage, Alaska, on 31 July 1957. While seated with two of his fellow soldiers in an automobile parked near Merrill Field, Private *Quarles* observed the crash of a light plane some 200 yards away. Running immediately to the scene of the crash, Private *Quarles* and his companion saw that fire from the motor threatened gasoline leaking from the fuel tanks of the aircraft. While one of the soldiers manned a fire extinguisher Private *Quarles* and the other soldier began searching for survivors. In the darkness it was necessary to move both the fuselage and one of the wings to locate them. Working quickly in disregard of their personal safety the soldiers located and removed four unconscious survivors from the wreckage. The immediate, effective action by Private *Quarles* prevented the burning of the aircraft and made possible the rescue of its passengers, reflecting the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Specialist Third Class *Phillip S. Rister*, , Infantry, Texas National Guard, distinguished himself by heroism during a major flood in the City of Abilene, Texas, on 11 May 1957. While cooperating with civilian authorities in routine evacuation of flooded areas, Specialist Third Class *Rister*, together with two members of his unit, discovered two girls helplessly trapped in an automobile which was being carried swiftly into Big Elm Creek by swollen flood tides. Without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, and at the risk of his life, Specialist Third Class *Rister* drove a truck into the raging stream, wedged the automobile against the opposite bank, and the girls were then rescued. The prompt and courageous action displayed by Specialist Third Class *Rister* saved the two girls from possible death or serious injury and reflects the utmost credit on himself, his unit, and the military service.

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 during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant *Jesse A. Bowden*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 June 1956 to 1 August 1957.

Captain *Donald A. Oerow*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 10 March to 8 June 1957.

Master Specialist *Ignaz Ernst*, , United States Army. 6 May 1954 to 5 May 1957.

Lieutenant Colonel *George B. MacQuoen*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. July 1954 to December 1957.

Specialist Third Class *Herbert S. Meyers*, , then Private First Class, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 5 March to 31 July 1957.

Major *Carl O. Sullinger*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. September 1952 to March 1956.

First Lieutenant *James R. Winoker*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. 5 March to 31 July 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 (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel *Douglas O. Barton*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. December 1954 to December 1957.

Lieutenant Colonel *Wilson Freeman*, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. July 1954 to November 1957.

Lieutenant Colonel *Vera A. Stevens*, , United States Women's Army Corps. 1 May 1951 to 29 September 1952 and 18 December 1952 to 31 December 1957.

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

Captain *Weldon O. Britton*, , Infantry, United States Army. 6 to 15 June 1957.

Specialist Second Class *Joseph R. A. Charrier*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 6 February 1957.

Private First Class *Joseph P. DiDonardo*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 8 August 1957.

Specialist Third Class *Delancy J. Kervin*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 6 March 1957.

Private First Class *Lawrence M. Moberley, Jr.*, , United States Army. 6 March 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Horace V. Parker*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 20 February to 13 March 1957 and 25 May to 30 June 1957.

Hospitalman *Rodney A. Rollo*, , United States Navy, 10 July 1957.

First Lieutenant *Keith H. Stokes*, (then Second Lieutenant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 6 February 1957.

Sergeant First Class *William N. Vassil*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 6 February 1957.

Captain *James P. Watts, Jr.*, , Military Police Corps. 1 August 1957.

VII..SOLDIER'S MEDAL. So much of section IV, DA General Orders 50, 1957, as pertains to award of the Soldier's Medal to Private First Class *Claude H. Thomas*, , Artillery, United States Army, as reads "18 July 1957" is amended to read "18 July 1956."

VIII..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. So much of paragraph 2, section X, DA General Orders 53, 1955, pertaining to the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Master Sergeant *Laurien R. DuTremble*, 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:

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

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