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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 periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major General *Frank S. Besson, Jr.*, United States Army. 23 December 1954 to 14 February 1958.

Major General *Martin E. Griffin*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 26 May 1947 to 28 February 1958.

2. 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 (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant General *James M. Gavin*, United States Army. July 1945 through March 1958.

II..LEGION OF MERIT. 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 10000, 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 period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Colonel *Robert T. Gants*, Medical Corps, United States Army. 18 July 1949 to 14 December 1957.

III..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 10000, 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 *Edgar A. Blair*, Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 20 June 1950 to 28 February 1958.

Colonel *Robert M. Burnett*, Artillery, United States Army. 9 July 1954 to 31 March 1958.

Colonel *George A. Gould*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 8 October 1946 to 31 March 1958.

Colonel *Charles H. Miles, Jr.*, Finance Corps, United States Army. 1 January 1947 to 24 September 1957.

Colonel *Robert W. Molloy*, Artillery, United States Army. June 1955 to August 1957.

Colonel *Everett D. Peddicord*, , Artillery, United States Army. 18 February 1948 to 31 January 1958.

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 10600, 15 March 1955 (Sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit (Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Rear Admiral *Lewis S. Parks*, , United States Navy. 25 November 1955 to 24 March 1957.

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 (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:

Colonel *Robert E. Coffey*, , Infantry, United States Army. June 1947 to March 1958.

Colonel *Samuel F. Silver*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 15 September 1949 to 28 February 1958.

4. 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 (Second 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 *Eugene W. Ridings*, , United States Army. May 1954 through December 1957.

IV. 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 (Degree of Commander) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant General *Petros Nikolopoulos*, Greek Army. June 1950 to January 1958.

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 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Humberto de Alencar Castello Branco*, Brazilian Army. 15 January 1954 to 3 January 1958.

General de Brigada *Paulo Kruger da Cunha Cruz*, Brazilian Army. 1949 to September 1950.

Brigadier General *Ahn Kwang Ho*, , Republic of Korea Army. 3 November 1955 to 14 September 1957.

Commodore *Lee Sung Ho*, , Republic of Korea Navy. 1 March 1956 to 23 August 1957.

Colonel *Mazimo Verastegui Izurieta*, Peruvian Army. February 1950 to February 1957.

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 10800, 15 March 1955 (Sec. I, DA Bul. 1955), the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) (Second Award) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Brigadier General *Marcel Jean Pencite*, French Army. March 1953 to December 1957.

4. 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 10800, 15 March 1955 (Sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 1955), the Legion of Merit (Degree of Legionnaire) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *Joaquim Victorino Portella Ferreira Alves*, Brazilian Army. 4 September 1954 to 1 February 1956.

Colonel *Eduardo Gomes Kuhner*, Brazilian Army. 1951 to 12 March 1957.

Lieutenant Colonel *Edmundo da Costa Neves*, Brazilian Army. 18 April 1955 to 31 March 1957.

Lieutenant Colonel *Aldo Percira*, Brazilian Army. 1 February 1956 to 1 January 1957.

V...DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1920, a Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while participating in aerial flight on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *William H. Cox*, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Detachment 1, 2d Aviation Company (Infantry Division), distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight over the Alaska Mountain Range west of Gulkana, Alaska, on 18 October 1957. While refueling at Gulkana before continuing to lead a flight of three H-23 helicopters on a ferrying mission from Fairbanks to Anchorage, Captain Cox was requested by local Civil Aeronautics Authority officials to divert his flight to assist in the rescue of a civilian pilot who, with his wife and three small children, had crashed into a snow-covered mountain the previous day. Upon reaching the scene of the accident and learning that the pilot had wandered away to find help, a careful search in the darkness over a large area of heavily wooded terrain disclosed a faint light indicating the possible location of the downed pilot. When it was determined that in view of an impending fuel shortage a night landing in the dense forest would be impossible, Captain Cox directed his companions to return to a safe landing to refuel while he hovered over the area where the light was seen. Despite the fuel gage registering empty and the severely limited maneuvering space, Captain Cox realized the extreme urgency of rescuing the downed pilot and disregarded these hazards to his own safety and attempted a landing in the heavily wooded area. On the first attempt the injured pilot clutched frantically at the aircraft skids and it was necessary for Captain Cox to hover just above the ground until he was able to land without danger to the victim. After taking the man aboard he maneuvered the helicopter up through the trees and flew him to safety. Captain Cox's courageous and heroic action undoubtedly saved the pilot from certain death from injuries, shock, and exposure, and reflects the utmost credit on 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 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Sergeant First Class *Jose R. Alicca-Aguayo*, , Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company F, Specialist Training Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on 26 November 1957. While participating in live hand grenade practice a trainee attempting to throw a fragmentation grenade dropped it inside the safety pit and fell to the ground near the rolling grenade, exposing himself to the danger of serious injury or loss of life. Sergeant *Alicca* quickly and unhesitatingly picked up the activated grenade and tossed it over the parapet where it exploded just before hitting the ground ten feet in front of the safety pit. Although fully aware of the danger that the grenade might explode instantaneously, and without regard for his own safety, Sergeant *Alicca* undoubtedly prevented injury and possible loss of life to the trainee in the danger area. Sergeant *Alicca's* prompt and courageous action in the face of extreme danger reflects distinct credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Harry H. Allen, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States Army, a member of Heavy Mortar Battery, 2d Airborne Battle Group, 502d Infantry, distinguished himself by heroism over the Warner Drop Zone, Munich, Germany, on 4 October 1957. While executing a parachute jump with general purpose equipment bags from a C-119 aircraft, a fellow soldier's parachute developed a malfunction, causing him to plunge fully into Sergeant *Allen's* canopy. Although his own suspension lines were twisted, Sergeant *Allen*, sensing the immediate danger of his comrade's position, unhesitatingly reached out and grasped the silk of the falling man's collapsed canopy as it passed through his risers. Realizing that the release of his general purpose equipment bag might seriously injure his helpless companion, Sergeant *Allen* displayed extraordinary presence of mind by holding his equipment bag intact and calling to warn his fellow paratrooper to do likewise so as to prevent a sudden jerk of the bag falling free, ripping the canopy from his hands and causing the imperiled soldier to fall to his death or to serious injury. Despite the fact that the weight of this additional equipment caused Sergeant *Allen's* parachute to collapse several times, he continued to hang on to the victim and both men landed safely on one parachute. Sergeant *Allen's* quick thinking and heroic action averted serious injury or possible death to his fellow paratrooper, reflecting distinct credit on himself and the military service.

Private *Kenneth L. McWilliams*, , Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company B, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 504th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, distinguished himself by heroism on 8 October 1957, while participating in a training parachute jump at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. When a fellow soldier's parachute developed a malfunction which caused him to be pulled inadvertently from the aircraft and to rapidly descend on a partially inflated parachute, Private *McWilliams*, immediately sensing this dangerous situation, reached out and grasped the fouled parachute as the man passed by him. With the soldier hanging the length of his suspension lines, Private *McWilliams* retained his hold on the semicollapsed parachute and the two men descended safely to earth on the employed parachute. In performing this unselfish act, Private *McWilliams* jeopardized his own personal safety through the possibility of having his own parachute collapsed either from an entangle-

ment of lines or because of the additional weight. The courageous presence of mind and heroism displayed by Private *McWilliams* reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

VII..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. 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 period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Howard W. Dapper*, , Artillery, United States Army. August 1957 to January 1958.

VIII..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 with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel *Merrill O. Billbe*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 10 October 1951 to 16 August 1957.

Colonel *William H. Birdsong*, , Infantry, United States Army. 7 July 1954 to 10 July 1957.

Major *William K. Cook*, , Infantry, United States Army. 1 March to 1 September 1957.

Major *Howard H. Cooksey*, , Infantry, United States Army. 1 July 1956 to 15 March 1958.

Colonel *Carl H. Elges, Jr.*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 7 March to 13 September 1956.

Master Sergeant *Earl F. Ellington, Sr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. 20 October 1953 to 1 June 1955.

Lieutenant Colonel *Thomas F. Hooper*, , Infantry, United States Army. 1 November 1956 to 31 March 1958.

Colonel *Frederick E. Johnson*, , Infantry, United States Army. 14 April 1955 to 1 November 1957.

Lieutenant Colonel *Wallace M. Kendrick*, , Artillery, United States Army. 14 January 1955 to 20 January 1958.

Colonel *David O. Lewis*, , Artillery, United States Army. 10 January 1956 to 17 October 1957.

Colonel *Thomas W. Otto*, , General Staff (Adjutant General's Corps) United States Army. 8 January 1956 through 28 February 1958.

Master Sergeant *Charles D. Phillips*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 17 November 1956 to 26 August 1957.

Colonel *James W. Sutherland, Jr.*, , Armor, United States Army. 7 April 1955 to 31 March 1958.

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

Private First Class *Richard A. Craig*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 30 April 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Everett J. Michael*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 4 September 1957 to 10 January 1958.

Specialist Third Class *Sid Tackott, Jr.*, , Armor, United States Army. 21 November 1957.

Captain *Donald L. Taylor*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 80 April 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 (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Colonel *William T. Ryder*, , Infantry, United States Army. 7 July 1956 to 14 March 1958.

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 (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Chief Warrant Officer *William P. Standley*, , United States Army. 5 July 1957 to 31 December 1957.

Captain *Arthur P. Yarborough*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 22 July through 8 October 1957.

IX..SOLDIER'S MEDAL. So much of section V, General Orders No. 49, Department of the Army, 1957, as pertains to the award of the Soldier's Medal to Private First Class *Elmus B. James*, , as reads "Elmus V. James" is amended to read "Elmus B. James."

X..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. 1. So much of section VIII, General Orders No. 49, Department of the Army, 1957, as pertains to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Captain *Joseph K. Bratton*, , as reads "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant" is amended to read "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster)."

2. So much of section VIII, General Orders No. 33, Department of the Army, 1957, pertaining to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant as reads "First Sergeant *Addison B. Carroll*, , (then Sergeant First Class), United States Army," is amended to read "Sergeant First Class *Addison B. Carroll*, , United States Army."

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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