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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 for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in positions of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant General *Lemuel Mathewson*, United States Army. 10
August 1945 to 30 April 1958.

2. 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 positions of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant General *Thomas F. Hickey*, United States Army. 15
October 1946 to 30 April 1958.

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 (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 *Miles H. Hubbard*, United States Navy. 6 July
1955 to 21 June 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 during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major General *Carroll H. Detrick*, United States Army. 1 July
1945 to 30 April 1958.

Colonel *Robert J. McDuff*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States
Army. 5 December 1945 to 30 April 1958.

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 (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 *José María Tapia Froyding*, Mexican Army. March 1955
to September 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 (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

General *Carmelo M. Bentancour*, Uruguayan Army. December 1954 to November 1957.

Lieutenant General *Georges Emile Le Blanc*, Army of the Republic of France. 22 November 1955 to 1 August 1956.

Colonel *Gemalettin Enginsoy*, Turkish Army. December 1955 to November 1957.

Major General *Miguel A. Sanchez Lamego*, Mexican Army. 6 July 1955 to 31 December 1957.

Brigadier General *Rene L. Morelle*, French Army. 1 December 1956 through 28 June 1957.

Major General *Demetrios Yeroyiannopoulos*, Greek Army. February 1956 to December 1957.

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

Lieutenant Colonel *Luis Barrera*, Colombian Army. 5 January 1955 to 21 September 1956.

Lieutenant Colonel *Philippe Eugene Milon*, Army of the Republic of France. 8 January 1955 to 1 April 1958.

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

Chief Warrant Officer *Landrum W. Trammell*, United States Army, formerly a member of the 101st Aviation Company (Abn Div), Command and Control Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, on 18 June 1957. When informed that a truck accident had occurred and pinned seventeen men underneath in two feet of water at a bridge over Piney Fork Creek, Mr. *Trammell* immediately determined that helicopter evacuation would be necessary and proceeded with his crew to render aid. Upon arriving at the scene, a violent thunderstorm broke with gusty winds and heavy rains creating perilous flight conditions. The necessity to center the helicopter over the truck brought further grave danger of the rotor blades striking the structural abutments, and the precise demands upon Mr. *Trammell's* technical proficiency permitted no operational miscalculations. He consistently employed the helicopter to lift the truck for brief intervals to permit rescue personnel to evacuate the trapped victims. Throughout the rescue operation he worked under extremely hazardous conditions and displayed unusual tenacity of purpose, professional competence and presence of mind. Mr. *Trammell's* courage, unhesitating actions, and complete command of this situation saved the lives of four of the men trapped under the truck, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself 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 on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Captain *Edwin W. Chamberlain, Jr.*, Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 31 July 1957, while assigned as an Instruc-

tor, Special Purpose Weapons Committee, Weapons Department, United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. As Safety Officer for a class undergoing a demonstration in the use of flame throwers, Captain *Chamberlain* observed that the valve controlling the flow of fuel from the fuel tank of one of the guns was stuck, making it impossible for the gunner to cease firing when ordered. As the gun was released because of the intense heat, it whipped out of the gunner's hands and began to operate wild and unmanned, endangering the lives of all personnel in the immediate area. Without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, Captain *Chamberlain* grasped the barrel of the gun group, controlled the direction of the flames, and shoved the muzzle of the gun group into the ground, smothering the source of ignition, and extinguishing the flames. Though suffering burns to his face and hands Captain *Chamberlain's* prompt action prevented serious injury to members of the class. The presence of mind and unselfish heroism displayed by Captain *Chamberlain* in this incident reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *William S. Duncan*, , Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery D, 3d Training Battalion AW (SP), United States Army Training Center, Antiaircraft Artillery, distinguished himself by heroism during range firing on 11 December 1957 on the Oro Grande Range, Oro Grande, New Mexico. During the firing, Sergeant *Duncan* observed a retracting handle of a 50-caliber machine gun come off in the hand of a trainee attempting to clear the top right machine gun, causing the bolt to move slightly to the rear, and exposing a live round in the chamber. Realizing the serious danger which existed to the gun crew and observing personnel if the heat of the gun caused the shell to explode, Sergeant *Duncan*, without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, rushed to the gun, pushed the trainee to a safe distance and cleared the mount of other personnel. In attempting to force the bolt back into battery with the end of the retracting handle to completely close the cover and eliminate the possibility of injury should the round explode, the shell exploded in Sergeant *Duncan's* face, causing powder burns and a severe laceration to his left eye. His prompt and courageous action prevented possible death or serious injury to the gun crew and observing personnel and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Major *Harold A. Endler*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army, while a member of the XVIII Airborne Corps, distinguished himself by heroism during a mass tactical exercise on 27 June 1956, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. When another jumper, whose parachute did not open, became enmeshed in Major *Endler's* suspension lines, Major *Endler* took immediate command of the situation. Realizing that if the man deployed his reserve parachute within such close proximity it would possibly cause his own parachute to collapse, Major *Endler* instructed the jumper to grasp his suspension lines and the two descended safely to the ground on Major *Endler's* parachute. The prompt and decisive action taken by Major *Endler*, with the full knowledge that the additional weight on his parachute was a risk to his own life, prevented a fatal jump. Major *Endler's* heroic conduct and unselfish action were undoubtedly instrumental in saving a fellow paratrooper from serious injury or death, thereby reflecting the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Major *Louis D. Loah*, , Military Intelligence, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism at the scene of an accident which occurred outside a toll gate entrance to Palisades Parkway, New Jersey, on 25 November 1957. While acting as Tour Director with a group of Italian Army Officers

visiting United States military installations, the government vehicle in which they were riding was struck in the rear by another vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The rear of the government vehicle and the immediate surrounding roadway were immediately engulfed by flames which prevented passers-by from reaching the burning automobile and rendering assistance. Major *Leah* immediately took charge of the situation by attempting to open the two rear doors and left front door which proved futile due to jamming. With assistance from the driver Major *Leah* managed to open the right front door and assisted the Italian officers bodily from the burning vehicle to safety. Within seconds after Major *Leah* departed from the burning vehicle the gas tank exploded. The heroic action and unselfish disregard for his own personal safety displayed by Major *Leah* reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Jesse R. Phillips*, , Armor, United States Army, Troop A, 2d Reconnaissance Squadron, 8th Cavalry, Fort Lewis, Washington, distinguished himself by heroism on 6 February 1958 at Fort Lewis, Washington. While participating as an aggressor against the 47th Infantry Battle Group during an Army Training Test, he and a fellow soldier were hit by an Armored Personnel Carrier. Private *Phillips* was thrown clear, but his comrade fell beneath the vehicle in a semiconscious state. Without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, Private *Phillips* crawled beneath the moving vehicle to rescue his comrade and prevent him from being crushed by the moving tracks. The prompt, courageous and unselfish action displayed by Private *Phillips* saved his comrade from possible death or serious injury, and reflects the utmost credit upon himself, his unit, and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Lowell A. Pilcher*, , United States Army, a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Engineer Battalion (Infantry Division), 3d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia, distinguished himself by heroism on 18 December 1957. While stopping for gas in Ottumwa, Iowa, Sergeant *Pilcher* noticed a fire in the basement of a house next to the service station. Without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, he ran to arouse the occupants of the house. Upon finding the door locked, Sergeant *Pilcher* bodily smashed the door open, entered the burning building and found a man suffocating from smoke fumes. After removing the man to safety and being informed of another victim inside the flaming building, Sergeant *Pilcher* re-entered the house, found the person and led him to safety. When learning that still another person was trapped inside, Sergeant *Pilcher* used his coat as a protective covering, crawled under the heavy concentration of smoke into the rapidly burning building in search of the last victim, and only after losing his coat and becoming almost overcome by smoke fumes did he withdraw from the house. Sergeant *Pilcher's* daring courage, presence of mind and unselfishness, saved the lives of two persons, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Leonard A. Shallow*, , Chemical Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism while serving as a Senior Chemical Instructor on the Flame Thrower Range at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on 7 November 1957. While instructing an Advanced Infantry Basic Trainee to fire live thickened fuel from a Portable Flame Thrower on Range 4, Sergeant *Shallow* was faced with a sudden crisis which demanded immediate and spontaneous action to avert possible loss of life or serious injury to several trainees, as well as serious injury to others. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he wrested a Portable Flame Thrower from the hands of a trainee who had

become panic-stricken while firing the weapon. The heat from the burning thickened fuel had become extremely intense when a valve had failed to close, allowing the gun to continue to fire. The trainee, bearing the Flame Thrower Tank Group on his back, started to turn and run from the firing line, while the gun continued to eject burning fuel. Sergeant *Shallow* grabbed the flaming gun, keeping it pointed down range, and wrestled the trainee to the ground. During this action Sergeant *Shallow* received second degree burns on his hands and legs, but prevented possible injury to any other personnel. Sergeant *Shallow's* display of prompt and courageous action, presence of mind and quick thinking by risking his life in this extremely dangerous situation reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Specialist Second Class *Salvador Torres-Fuentes*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army, a member of the 533rd Ordnance Company (R&O), distinguished himself by heroism on 21 November 1957, at Coleman Barracks, Mannheim/Sandhofen, Germany. While performing duties as senior wheel vehicle mechanic in the motor pool shop building of his unit, a gasoline tank on an M123 tractor upon which he was working ruptured and caught fire, creating grave danger of an explosion, possibly causing death or serious injury to the eighteen persons working in the shop, and serious and extensive damage to the building and equipment therein. Specialist *Torres* voluntarily and without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, cranked the engine, mounted the cub which was quickly becoming enveloped by flames and drove it out of the building to a safe distance from all personnel and equipment. After jumping off the burning tractor he seized a fire extinguisher and proceeded to help in combating the fire. Specialist *Torres'* fortitude, presence of mind and prompt and courageous action in the face of extreme personal danger reflect the highest credit upon himself 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:

Captain *Bruce A. Davis*, , Armor, United States Army. 1 October 1954 to 28 March 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Kenneth P. Fishburn*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 20 July 1957 to 30 September 1957.

Major *Arthur A. Hall*, , Artillery, United States Army. 18 August 1955 to 28 February 1958.

Master Sergeant *William O. Harvill*, , United States Army. 18 July 1954 to 31 March 1958.

Sergeant First Class *Harold W. Hill*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 19 July 1956 to 31 January 1957.

Sergeant First Class *David Johnson, Jr.*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 1 November 1957 to 28 February 1958.

Specialist Second Class *Clarence W. Nash*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 1 June to 15 October 1957.

Captain *Emil Petorsen*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 22 July 1957 to 8 October 1957.

Colonel *Robert E. Schwyn*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army, 1 June 1951 to 28 February 1958.

Colonel *Robert E. Snetzer*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army,
15 March 1956 to 14 March 1958.

Captain *Stanley J. Waitkus*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United
States Army. 1 July 1955 to 28 February 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 officers and enlisted men:

Corporal *Robert J. Blake*, , Infantry, United States Army.
7 September 1957.

Private *George A. A. Bunch*, , United States Army. 26 February 1958.

Private First Class *Robert J. Byrne*, , Medical Corps, United
States Army. 8 November 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Raymon Caudle*, , United States Army.
13 June 1957.

Chief Warrant Officer, W-2, *Donald L. Dodson*, , United States
Army. 13 June 1957.

Master Sergeant *William B. Duncan*, RO , United States Army.
6 October 1956 through 1 November 1957.

Private First Class *Barton M. Fanning*, , Medical Corps, United
States Army. 8 November 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Rex R. Hendricks*, , United States Army.
4 August 1957.

Private First Class *Carmitne Izzo*, , Medical Corps, United States
Army. 8 November 1957.

Master Sergeant *Donald L. Miller*, , Artillery, United States
Army. 15 to 22 September 1957.

Captain *John A. Remmie*, , Artillery, United States Army. 4 August 1957.

Sergeant First Class *Thomas E. Ruth*, , Transportation Corps,
United States Army. 22 July to 8 October 1957.

Private First Class *John J. Shaheen, III*, , Medical Corps, United
States Army. 8 November 1957.

Private First Class *William E. Taylor*, , United States Army.
4 March 1958.

Private *Adrian P. Vanasse, Jr.*, , Medical Corps, United States
Army. 8 November 1957.

Private First Class *Robert L. Wilcox*, , Medical Corps, United
States Army. 8 November 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 *Robert P. Kline*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army.
11 April 1956 to 10 April 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 period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *William D. Canfield*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 12 August 1957.

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.

Distribution:

Active Army: A.

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NG and USAR: B.

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