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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 a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Major General Max S. Johnson, , United States Army. 5 May 1954 to 15 February 1959.

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 a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Major General Richard C. Partridge, , United States Army. 10 September 1945 to 17 November 1958.

II.LEGION OF MERIT. 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 posthumously to:

Colonel Joseph C. Chedister, , Infantry, United States Army. September 1946 to November 1958. (This award supersedes the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to Colonel Chedister for services from 15 August 1956 to 1 November 1957, published in General Orders No. 91, Headquarters U. S. Army Advisory Group, Korea, dated 4 November 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 for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Brigadier General Aaron W. Beeman, United States Army. 1 May 1946 to 28 February 1950.

Colonel Robert M. Bynum, Jr., Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 1 April 1952 to 28 February 1959.

Colonel Alvin R. Glafka, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 21 July 1946 to 28 February 1959. (This award superscdes the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for services from 7 July 1954 to 24 May 1957, as announced in General Orders Number 9, Headquarters United States European Command, dated 24 May 1957.)

Colonel John D. McLaughlin, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Arny. 8 April 1956 to 81 March 1958. (This award supersedes the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant as announced in General Orders Number 16, Headquarters Joint United States Military Advisory Group to Thailand, dated 25 April 1958, for meritorious service during the period 3 April 1956 to 1 April 1958.)

Colonel Carlton G. Schenken, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. 15 June 1954 to 28 February 1959.

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:

Major General Louis E. Cotulla, , United States Army. August 1946

to 28 February 1959.

Major General Charles E. Hoy, , United States Army. July 1947 to August 1958.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10000, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Brigadier General David W. Gray, , United States Army. 15 July to 25 October 1958.

4. 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 is awarded to:

Colonel Altair Franco Ferreira, Brazilian Army. 1 February 1956 to 10 April 1958.

IV. SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 2 July 1920, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded to:

Private First Class Charles F. Leach, , Ordnance Corps, Army of the United States, a member of Detachment B, United States Army Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, on temporary duty at Camp Ferry, Ohio, distinguished himself by heroism on 5 September 1958. While driving at night on State Route #2, approximately five miles west of Port Clinton, Ohio, Private Leach observed an automobile which veered right, then left, crossed the highway, narrowly missing an oncoming car and, leaving the highway, plunged into a marshy swamp in water six feet deep. He stopped his car and, without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, jumped into the water, swam out to the quickly sinking vehicle and rescued and carried the pinned-in driver to safety. After applying first aid, he notified the county sheriff, who transported the victim to a hospital. Private Leach's prompt and courageous actions saved the nonswimming driver from certain drowning, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class Mitchell Opas, , United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism while serving as Medical Advisor to the Kinmen Defense Command, Army of the Government of the Republic of China on 23 August 1958. When the off-shore Kinmen Complex was subjected to an intense artillery attack from the Communist-held Chinese mainland, it sustained over 55,000 rounds of artillery fire. Despite the ever present danger of losing his life, Sergeant Opas constantly exposed himself to this heavy artillery fire to rescue seriously wounded Chinese soldiers. Without concern for his own personal safety, Sergeant Opas bodily carried a Chinese officer approximately 75 yards under extremely hazardous and threatening conditions to an underground shelter. Returning to the same area under the same perilous circumstances, he made repeated trips and carried four additional Chinese soldiers seriously

wounded by enemy shell fire to safety. Sergeant Opas immediately rendered effective first aid to these wounded men and personally evacuated them to a field hospital. The unselfish courage, devotion to duty and heroic actions displayed by Sergeant Opas elicited the high praise of the President of the Republic of China, the Chinese Army Commander of the Kinmen Defense Command, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Gary D. Osterhout, Army of the United States, a member of Company A, 34th Signal Battalion Corps, distinguished himself by heroism at Ludwigsburg, Germany, on 19 May 1958. Upon observing a German national leap from a bridge into the Neckar River, Private Osterhout, without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety and being completely unfamiliar with the currents, depths and possible undercurrents, swam approximately 50 yards to rescue the victim. He managed to overcome the resistance exerted by the drowning man and, in quickly approaching darkness, pulled him onto the shore. Immediately upon resting he relieved a fellow-soldier and administered artificial respiration until the man was revived. The prompt and effective action taken by Private Osterhout in the midst of a confused and nervous crowd, and the courageous and selfless risk of his own life in this situation saved the man from drowning, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Specialist Four Paul F. Slater, , Transportation Corps, Army of the United States, a member of the 89th Transportation Company (Medium Tank), 53d Transportation Battalion (Truck), United States Army Communications Zone, Europe, distinguished himself by heroism in the vicinity of Parancay, France, on 13 October 1958. Specialist Slater was operating one of three M-52 five-ton tractors and following the lead vehicle when a small civilian car threatened to collide head on with that vehicle while rounding a curve. The lead truck swerved sharply to the right to avoid hitting the car, landed into a four-feet ditch, overturned and burst into flames as one of its gasoline tanks exploded. Specialist Slater immediately stopped his vehicle, dismounted and ran to the overturned truck. Without regard for his own personal safety, he began to drag the pinned operator from the flaming truck. Despite the fact that the victim was far heavier than he, Specialist Slater managed to drag and move him to a point of safety some 50 yards away before the other gasoline tank on the burning vehicle exploded and burst into flames. He removed the man's burning field jacket and placed him in the third truck which drove to the nearest medical facility. Specialist Stater's prompt, heroic actions and determination saved the life of a fellow-soldier, and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

V..AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to:

Chief Warrant Officer Loran E. Patterson, Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. 22 June 1958.

Chief Warrant Officer James H. Willams, , Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. 18 September 1958.

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 is awarded to:

Colonel Gerald F. Brown, Artillery, United States Army. 80 July 1955 to 11 July 1958.

Major Leonard P. Cassidy, Jr., Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 4 May 1955 to 28 February 1959.

Colonel James B. Corbett, Armor, United States Army. June 1957 to January 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel Earl J. Dotson, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 26 July to 25 October 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward P. Downing, Artillery, United States Army. 1 March 1956 to 28 December 1958.

Major John F. Dunn, , Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 25 March 1954 to 31 March 1957.

First Lieutenant John T. Farris, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 1 March to 6 August 1957.

Specialist Four Donald L. Karr, , United States Army. 24 May 1957 to 28 November 1958.

Master Sergeant Vincent W. Pilgrin, , United States Army. 1 February 1953 to 1 December 1958.

Major Selwyn P. Rogers, Jr., , Armor, United States Army. 1 December 1955 to 22 December 1958.

Chaplain (Major) Joseph F. Sheehan, Chaplains, Army of the United States. 7 October 1955 through 15 January 1959.

Colonel William M. Smith, Jr., , then Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery, United States Army. 22 August 1955 to 17 June 1958.

Colonel Merrick H. Truly, General Staff (Infantry), United States Army. 11 May 1956 to 14 January 1059.

Major Douglas G. Younger, Armor, United States Army. 80 March 1956 to 31 December 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 (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Colonel George C. Fogle, , Infantry, United States Army. 16 April 1956 to 19 January 1959.

Captain Arthur Geddes, , (then First Lieutenant), Ordnance Corps, Army of the United States. 29 May to 6 August 1957.

Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Ledebuhr, , Chaplains, United States Army. 16 January 1956 through 27 January 1959.

Colonel Adam W. Meetze, , Chemical Corps, United States Army. 19 July to 25 October 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel George A. Murray, Justed States Army. 8 March 1956 to 26 December 1958.

Colonel Jack N. Nahas, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 13 June 1955 to 15 September 1958.

Colonel Howard H. Simmons, Finance Corps, United States Army.

March 1956 to January 1959.

Colonel Lynn D. Smith, , Infantry, United States Army. 2 August 1958 to 25 October 1958.

Master Sergeant Max D. Siith, , United States Army. 1 August 1955 to 26 August 1958.

8. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Colonel Harry E. Lyman, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army, 6 September 1955 to 31 January 1959.

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 for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class Martin J. Biglin, , United States Army. 22 December 1958.

Specialist Four Charles D. Conklin, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 3 October 1958.

Private First Class John M. Haviley, Jr., United States Army. 20 December 1958.

Specialist Four David W. Larocque, Armor, Army of the United States. 11 March 1958.

Sergeant First Class Edward P. Sherrard, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. 26 November 1958.

Sergeant First Class Olarence C. Soles, Artillery, United States
Army. 17 July 1958.

Private First Class Felipe G. Subido, Jr., Infantry, Army of

the United States. 12 July 1958.

5. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of para-

graph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Specialist Seven Sydney T. Farren, , United States Army. 16 July to 24 October 1958.

VII.-COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 3, Department of the Army, 1959, as pertains to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Major Henry M. Francis, Artillery, United States Army, 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, Obief of Staff.

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