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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:

Brigadier General *James K. Wilson, Jr.*, , United States Army. 24 June 1953 to 14 March 1959.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, the Distinguished Service Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

General *Henry I. Hodges*, , United States Army. 31 March 1952 to 31 March 1959.

**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:

Major *Roger Ray*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. 12 April 1957 to 15 October 1958.

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:

Colonel *George L. Barnes*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 15 July 1947 to 31 March 1959.

Brigadier General *Nathaniel B. Rieger*, , United States Army. 29 October 1951 to 31 March 1959.

Colonel *Harlan H. Taylor*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 18 March 1951 to 31 March 1959.

**III..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 (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Lieutenant General *Path In Yup*, , Republic of Korea Army. 16 October 1950 to 3 February 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:

Captain *Thomas R. Mainville*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroism while a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 327th Infantry, Fort Campbell, Ky., on 6 March 1959. While participating in a communications field exercise on the Fort Campbell reservation, a stove exploded in a tent and showered an

enlisted man with flames and ignited a gasoline can which exploded and engulfed another sleeping soldier. Captain *Mainville* ordered immediate evacuation and remained inside the tent to assist a soldier who was aflame in his sleeping bag. Captain *Mainville*, while only partially clad in underclothing which was afire, attempted in vain to drag the soldier out of the blazing tent. Intense heat, blinding smoke, and critical burns forced him to desist in his efforts to save the life of the soldier. Captain *Mainville* remained calm and in command of the situation, ordering everyone to take cover when ammunition, utilized to provide security for the cryptographic materiel, began exploding. Although badly injured with second and third degree burns, he refused assistance for himself until all of his men were properly cared for and was in command of his troops until the fire was extinguished. The prompt and courageous action of Captain *Mainville* in the face of danger reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

Specialist Five *Laurance R. Mathews*, , Infantry, a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Command and Control Battalion, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N. C., distinguished himself by heroism on 24 August 1958. Specialist *Mathews* was swimming at Wrightsville Beach, Wrightsville, N. C., when he heard a cry for help from a man who had drifted too far out on a raft which capsized in heavy waves approximately 200 yards from shore. Despite the fact he had been in the water for some time and was beginning to tire, Specialist *Mathews*, without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, swam out to aid the struggling man. The man was torn from the raft by the choppy waves and, fearing for his life because he could not swim, began screaming and struggling in panic, making his rescue extremely hazardous. After prolonged and exhaustive swimming, and despite the scratches inflicted about his head and shoulders by the floundering man, Specialist *Mathews* managed to tow the victim to the pilings and was repeatedly pushed by the choppy waters against sharp barnacles on that structure which caused him lacerations and cuts about his body. He remained with the man, holding him afloat until he was able to bring the drowning man close enough to shore to receive a life buoy from the beach. Specialist *Mathews'* sustained courage, presence of mind, and unselfish actions saved the man's life, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant *Robert H. Miller*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States, a member of the 557th Engineer Company (Light Equipment), Fort Lewis, Wash., distinguished himself by heroism on 19 December 1958. Lieutenant *Miller* was an assistant umpire of a Combat Engineer Company during an Engineer Battalion Army Training Test which involved crossing infantry elements over the Nisqually River. Shortly after the crossing started, a boat which went out of control was swept off course into a rope stretched across the river and capsized. Upon hearing a cry for help, and recognizing the necessity for quick action, Lieutenant *Miller* immediately jumped fully clad into the swift turbulent waters and, without the aid of a life saving device or any concern for his own personal safety, swam out to help the distressed victim. Despite being pulled under the water several times by the rapid current, he reached the drowning man, kept him calm, and successfully accomplished the rescue even after being swept over 200 yards downstream in the strong surging water containing large boulders which further endangered his life. Lieutenant *Miller's* brave actions, quick presence of mind and unselfish regard for his com-

rades saved the life of a fellow officer, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant *Ralph M. Wilkerson*, , Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of the 1st Battle Group, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroism on 27 October 1958. Lieutenant *Wilkerson* was serving as safety officer, Grenade Range No. 25, Fort Riley, Kans., during a practical exercise with live hand grenades, when a trainee threw an activated concussion grenade which struck the top of the protective barricade, bounced off the top barrier and fell back into the pit, endangering the lives of all persons within the immediate area. Observing that the trainee who threw the grenade had fallen to his hands and knees after the faulty toss, Lieutenant *Wilkerson*, without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, rushed forward, pushed the trainee aside, picked up the grenade and, with only seconds to spare, quickly threw it over the protective wall in time to prevent serious injury or death to personnel in the pit. Lieutenant *Wilkerson's* quick judgment, presence of mind, and courageous action in this dangerous situation reflect distinct 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:

Major *McIvyn W. Fuller*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States.  
15 through 21 February 1958.

Private First Class *John H. Smith*, , United States Army. 18 to 22 February 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:

Chief Warrant Officer *Myron M. Allen*, , Army of the United States.  
August 1948 to March 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Thomas G. Bricker*, , Artillery, Army of the United States. 1 September 1957 to 26 July 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Harvey J. Cook*, , General Staff (Artillery), United States Army. 30 March 1956 to 1 March 1959.

Master Specialist *Mary E. Cuthbert*, , Women's Army Corps, United States Army. 14 October 1954 to 4 March 1959.

Chief Warrant Officer *Benjamin H. Martin*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 14 February 1956 to 2 March 1959.

Major *Ralph F. Mendenhall*, , Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 14 June 1955 to 27 March 1959.

Master Sergeant *Robert L. Owley*, , United States Army. 27 September 1957 to 26 January 1959.

Sergeant First Class *Gene B. Sansing*, , United States Army. 1 April 1955 to 31 December 1958.

Major *Ralph H. Vohs*, , General Staff (Infantry), United States Army. 5 November 1955 to 27 February 1959.

Colonel *Robert O. Williams, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. 1 August 1957 to 16 March 1959.

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 *James E. Allen*, , Finance Corps, United States Army.  
1 November 1953 to 31 March 1959.

Master Sergeant *Vincent J. Farrell*, , Infantry, United States Army. 27 May 1958 to 23 January 1959.

Major *Francis A. Tenore*, , General Staff (Military Police Corps), Army of the United States. 1 May 1955 to 1 April 1959.

Colonel *Ronald R. Walker*, , United States Air Force. 16 July 1954 to 31 March 1959.

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 is awarded to:

First Lieutenant *Robert F. Daly*, , Artillery, United States Army.  
22 May 1958.

Private First Class *Donald E. Johnson*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 20 January 1959.

Sergeant *Joseph W. McKenzie*, , United States Army. 22 May 1958.

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

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

Official:

R. V. LEE,  
*Major General, United States Army,*  
*The Adjutant General.*

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