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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 (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

General *Maxwell D. Taylor*, , United States Army. 30 June 1955 to 30 June 1959.

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 *Harold S. Whitley*, , Artillery, United States Army. May 1951 to 31 May 1959.

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:

Colonel *William H. Day*, , Dental Corps, United States Army. 12 July 1955 to 29 June 1959.

Colonel *Terrance M. Longacre*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 3 August 1950 to 30 June 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 *Ronald O. Brock*, , National Guard of the United States. June 1948 to June 1959.

Brigadier General *George W. Coolidge*, , United States Army. 25 August 1951 to 20 January 1959.

Major General *Louis J. Rumaggi*, , United States Army. November 1953 to 30 June 1959.

Brigadier General *Benjamin F. Taylor*, , United States Army. 8 July 1957 to 8 June 1959.

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 (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Major General *Francis M. Day*, , United States Army. 21 October 1953 to 30 June 1959.

Colonel *Charles L. Kirkpatrick*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 27 July 1955 to 30 June 1959.

Brigadier General *Roy N. Walker*, , United States Army. 5 February 1954 to 30 June 1959.

IV. 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 Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Colonel *Jules O. Delaire*, French Army. May 1955 to November 1956.

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 Legionnaire) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Luis Contreras Farfan*, Mexican Army. 15 July 1957 to 28 May 1959.

Major *Luis Vavagna de Montezuma*, Brazilian Army. 5 June 1957 to 28 May 1959.

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:

Sergeant First Class *William F. Jack*, , United States Army, a member of the United States Army Recruiting Main Station, Boston, Mass., distinguished himself by heroism on 2 April 1959. While proceeding south on Route 214 over the Joseph W. Casey Bridge, Lawrence, Mass., Sergeant *Jack* observed some children pointing to an object floating in the Merrimac River. Upon closer inspection, he detected the body of a man drifting in the icy waters of the river. He immediately drove his car a distance of approximately 150 feet along the river in an effort to overtake the victim. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he plunged into the waters and, fighting the current and undertow, managed to pull the drowning man to shallow water near the bank. With the help of bystanders, he was able to drag the victim onto the bank where artificial respiration was administered to the unconscious man who had stopped breathing. Sergeant *Jack's* courageous and unselfish action in risking his life in this hazardous situation saved a fellow man from drowning, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Neal Liles*, , United States Army, a member of Company A, 159th Transportation Battalion (Boat), Fort Dustis, Va., distinguished himself by heroism at Newport News, Va. on 19 March 1959. Upon hearing cries coming from a neighbor's home which was engulfed in flames, Sergeant *Liles* ran immediately to the scene and learned that a 2-year old girl was trapped in one of the bedrooms. Unhesitatingly and without regard for his own personal safety, he began attempts to reach the stranded child. Despite conditions of thick, acrid smoke and intense heat, Sergeant *Liles* continued his efforts until he found the child, scooped her into his arms and thrust her through a window into the arms of her mother. In the performance of this brave action he suffered severe burns to his face and arms. The prompt courage and determination displayed by Sergeant *Liles* in unselfishly risking his life in this emergency undoubtedly saved the child's life, reflecting the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain *Neville D. McNerney*, , Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of the Cleveland Area Command, XX United States Army Corps

(Reserve), distinguished himself by heroism during a major flood at Eastlake and Willoughby Hills, Ohio, on 21 and 22 January 1959. While voluntarily participating in the rescue and evacuation of civilians stranded in flooded areas, Captain *McNerney*, together with an enlisted member of his unit, repeatedly entered the flooded areas and, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, effected the rescue of approximately 35 persons. Although a nonswimmer, Captain *McNerney* frequently left the amphibious vehicle (DUKW) in which he was riding and assisted in the rescue of stranded civilians. On one occasion, when it was necessary for the DUKW to pass over a bridge which was under 4 feet of water, Captain *McNerney* dismounted from the vehicle into the icy waters and guided it safely across. During this action he had to hold forcefully to the side of the vehicle frequently to prevent being swept away by ice floes rushing down the swiftly moving stream. On another occasion, with assistance of a member of his unit, he accomplished the rescue of a man stranded in a tree approximately one-hundred yards from shore. In this operation, Captain *McNerney* rigged a line from a winch on a 2½-ton truck to the DUKW which enabled him to enter the swift current with the vehicle. Although his vehicle was in great danger of being capsized or immobilized by the many obstacles in its path, he managed to reach the stranded man and returned him to safety. Even though exhausted, cold, and wet from many trips into the icy flood waters, he continued to assist in rescue and evacuation operations for almost 20 hours without rest or sleep. Captain *McNerney's* unselfish and courageous actions in an extremely dangerous situation prevented possible loss of life and reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Bernard F. O'Connell*, , Artillery, United States Army, a member of Cleveland Area Command, XX United States Army Corps (Reserve), distinguished himself by heroism during a major flood at Eastlake and Willoughby Hills, Ohio, on 21 and 22 January 1959. While voluntarily participating in the rescue and evacuation of civilians from flooded areas Sergeant *O'Connell*, together with a member of his unit, repeatedly entered the flooded areas and, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, assisted in the rescue of more than one-hundred persons. Operating from an amphibious truck (DUKW), he entered the treacherous waters numerous times and personally carried stranded civilians from their homes. On one occasion when a volunteer fireman assisting in the evacuation of civilian personnel was suddenly swept off his feet by the swift current and carried into deep water over his head, Sergeant *O'Connell* jumped without hesitation into the icy waters and swam to the aid of the floundering man and managed to grasp and assist the victim to a place of safety, thereby preventing him from drowning. On another occasion, he assisted in the rescue of an entire family whose home was situated on the very bank of a swollen, ice-choked stream. The rescue was effected under very hazardous conditions caused by the presence of many underwater obstacles and a swift current which momentarily threatened to capsize or immobilize the DUKW in which Sergeant *O'Connell* was riding. Although exhausted, cold, and wet from many trips into the ice-clogged currents, he continued to assist in the rescue evacuation operation for nearly 20 hours without sleep or rest. The courageous and unselfish actions of Sergeant *O'Connell* in risking his life in this dangerous situation reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant *Paul P. Robinette*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army Reserve, a member of the 459th Transportation Company (Am-

phibious Truck) (USAR), XX United States Army Corps (Reserve), distinguished himself by heroism during a major flood at Eastlake and Willoughby Hills, Ohio, on 21 and 22 January 1959. While voluntarily participating in the rescue and evacuation of stranded civilians in flooded areas, Lieutenant *Robinette*, accompanied by an enlisted member of his unit, repeatedly drove an amphibious truck (DUKW) into the treacherous flood waters and, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, assisted in the rescue of more than one-hundred persons. On one occasion, with the assistance of a member of his unit, Lieutenant *Robinette* effected the rescue of an entire family whose home was situated on the very bank of a swollen ice-choked stream. Balked in his first effort to rescue the family by submerged vehicles blocking his only approach to the house, he arranged for the removal of these vehicles and, on a second attempt, successfully made his way to the home through swift currents and dangerous obstacles that momentarily threatened to capsize or immobilize the vehicle which he was driving. Only by great skill and effort was he able to maneuver the DUKW back through the flood waters to a place of safety. Although exhausted, cold, and wet from many trips into the ice-clogged currents, he continued to assist in the rescue operations for nearly 20 hours without sleep or rest. Lieutenant *Robinette's* courageous and unselfish action in risking his life in this hazardous situation reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Arthur W. Yerks*, , United States Army, a member of the Cleveland Area Command, XX United States Army Corps (Reserve), distinguished himself by heroism during a major flood at Eastlake and Willoughby Hills, Ohio, on 21 and 22 January 1959. While voluntarily participating in the rescue and evacuation of civilians stranded in flooded areas, Sergeant *Yerks*, together with an officer member of his unit, repeatedly entered the flooded areas and, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, assisted in the rescue of approximately 35 persons. Despite the fact that Sergeant *Yerks* had never driven an amphibious truck (DUKW) in water before, he expertly maneuvered his vehicle over dangerous terrain and in swift flood waters heavily laden with floating ice and debris. On one occasion, together with the assistance of a member of his unit, he accomplished the rescue of a man stranded in a tree approximately one-hundred yards from the shore. Attaching his DUKW to a line from a winch of a 2½-ton truck to prevent it from being swept downstream in the swift current which momentarily threatened to capsize the vehicle, he made his way to the stranded man, helped the man aboard the DUKW, and skillfully maneuvered his way to safety. Although exhausted, cold, and wet from many trips into the icy flood waters, he continued to assist in rescue and evacuation operations for almost 20 hours without rest or sleep. Sergeant *Yerks'* unselfish and courageous actions in this dangerous situation reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

VI. AIR MEDAL. 1. 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:

First Lieutenant *Wallace G. Blaisdell*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. 9 October 1958.

Specialist Five *Frederick G. Chase*, , Artillery, United States Army. 9 October 1958.

First Lieutenant *Ellis G. Crumit*, , Infantry, United States Army. 19 February 1959.

First Lieutenant *Harold A. Marvin*, , Artillery, United States Army.
9 October 1958.

2. 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 (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to:

Captain *Eldon O. Basham*, , Transportation Corps, Army of the United States. 19 February 1959.

VII. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH MEDAL 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:

Captain *Claude W. Allen*, , Adjutant General's Corps, Army of the United States. 12 January 1956 to 30 June 1959.

Chief Warrant Officer *Charles M. Atkinson*, , Army of the United States. 11 September 1957 to 15 January 1959.

Chief Warrant Officer, W-4, *Joseph O. Calceini*, , Army of the United States. 6 July 1957 to 30 June 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *William E. Campbell, Jr.*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 20 September 1954 to 2 March 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *John B. Coontz*, , Artillery, United States Army. 1 August 1956 to 30 June 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert M. Corl*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. 22 August 1956 to 20 May 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Oliver C. Culbreth*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. 4 July 1958 to 1 June 1959.

Colonel *John J. Davis*, , Armor, United States Army. 1 February 1957 to 20 May 1959.

Colonel *James T. Ewell, Jr.*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. August 1955 to July 1959.

Master Sergeant *Robert B. Faulkner*, , United States Army. 30 June 1956 to 30 April 1959.

Master Sergeant *Leonard R. Garcy*, , United States Army. 7 June 1957 to 15 May 1959.

Chaplain (Colonel) *Wallace M. Hale*, , Chaplains, United States Army. 9 December 1955 thru 5 June 1959.

Staff Sergeant *Victor E. Jamieson*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. 23 December 1957 to 26 April 1959.

Master Sergeant *Robert D. Jones*, , United States Army. 1 September 1954 to 30 April 1959.

Colonel *John M. Lynch*, O20377, General Staff (Infantry), United States Army. 10 August 1956 to 20 June 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert H. MacPherson*, , Finance Corps, Army of the United States. 4 June 1958 to 26 June 1959.

Master Sergeant *James W. Mansfield*, , United States Army. 21 July 1956 to 27 April 1959.

Chief Warrant Officer *Farris E. Mason*, , Army of the United States. 11 May 1956 to 30 June 1959.

Captain *Rufus G. McQue, Jr.*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. 24 August 1957 to 5 June 1959.

- Master Sergeant *Joseph M. McJilton*, , United States Army. 28
August 1955 to 18 June 1959.
- Captain *Arthur J. L. Meether*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United
States Army. 19 December 1955 to 22 May 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Arthur J. Nealon*, , Infantry, United States Army.
6 January 1956 to 31 May 1959.
- Major *Gordon H. Rawson*, O1280975, Finance Corps, Army of the United
States. 22 March 1957 to 1 May 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Oecil L. Smith*, , Artillery, United States Army.
14 July 1958 to 30 June 1959.
- Major *Homer R. Sprinkle*, , Military Police Corps, United States
Army. 15 April 1955 to 5 July 1959.
- Major *Ruth D. Thompson*, , Women's Army Corps, United States Army.
June 1955 to June 1959.
- Captain *William H. Trotter*, , Artillery, United States Army. Sep-
tember 1955 to June 1959.
- Chief Warrant Officer *James W. Wilkinson*, , Army of the United
States. 16 October 1954 to 30 June 1959.
- Colonel *Basil E. Williams*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.
14 September 1949 to 31 May 1959.
- Major *Frances M. Yoniack*, , Women's Army Corps, United States Army.
17 November 1956 to 22 May 1959.
2. 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 service is awarded to:
- Major *William C. Carter, Jr.*, , Corps of Engineers, United States
Army. 6 July 1956 to 5 June 1959.
- Colonel *Clarence W. Clapsaddle, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States Army.
July 1956 to 26 June 1959.
- Colonel *Dave J. Cook*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.
12 August 1955 to 30 May 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *William A. Dean*, , Infantry, United States Army.
30 June 1958 to 1 June 1959.
- Colonel *Harlan K. Holman*, , Artillery, United States Army. 23 July
1955 to 20 June 1959.
- Captain *George N. Johnson, Jr.*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United
States Army. 4 April 1955 to 19 June 1959.
- Colonel *Thomas T. Kilday*, , Infantry, United States Army. 12
October 1955 to 30 June 1959.
- Major *Lewis D. Overstreet*, , Artillery, United States Army. 6 July
1955 to 3 July 1959.
- Sergeant First Class *Daniel F. Pope, Jr.*, , United States Army.
19 August 1956 to 20 March 1959.
- Lieutenant Colonel *George W. Putnam, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States
Army. 26 June 1956 to 1 July 1959.
- Colonel *William E. Sievers*, , Finance Corps, United States Army.
6 July 1955 to 30 June 1959.
- Major *Earl S. Sweigart*, , Finance Corps, Army of the United States.
1 September 1957 to 30 June 1959.
- Colonel *Thomas A. Weedock*, , Transportation Corps, United States
Army. August 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 (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Major *Wilfred C. Washcoe*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 25 June 1955 to 16 June 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 (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Carlos L. Russell*, , General Staff (QMC), Army of the United States. 24 April 1955 to 16 June 1959.

5. 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:

Staff Sergeant *James C. Hinton*, , Armor, United States Army. 12 November 1958.

Sergeant *William G. Jackson*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 23 December 1958.

Specialist Five *Jason A. Monorief*, , Infantry, United States Army. 23 December 1958.

VIII. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH MEDAL PENDANT. 1. So much of section IV, DA General Orders 22, 1959, as pertains to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to Colonel *Ernest W. Bosgieter*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army, as reads "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster)" is amended to read "Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster)."

2. So much of section IV, DA General Orders 10, 1959, as pertains to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Lieutenant Colonel *William D. Sydnor, Jr.*, , 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. Bruoker*, Secretary of the Army:

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