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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:

Lieutenant General *William S. Lawton*, United States Army. April 1954 to May 1960.

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 *Benjamin F. Wood*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. September 1957 to March 1960.

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 *Richard P. Davidson*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. July 1958 to July 1959.

Brigadier General *Howard R. Whittaker*, United States Army. August 1950 to May 1960.

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:

Lieutenant Colonel *Paul H. Cullen*, Infantry, United States Army. October 1954 to February 1960.

Brigadier General *John M. Henderson, Jr.*, United States Army. August 1954 to May 1960.

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:

Brigadier General *Andrew T. McAnsh*, United States Army. November 1949 to May 1960.

IV..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 Colonel *Nguyen Ngoc Khoi*, Vietnamese Army. December 1956 to February 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:

First Lieutenant *Richard W. Auth*, Corps of Engineers, a member of the Inter-American Geodetic Survey, Colombian Project, Bogota, Colombia, distinguished himself by heroism at El Refugio, Colombia, during the period 19 through 21 March 1960. Lieutenant *Auth* was one of the pilots of an Army H-19 Helicopter arriving at the scene of a Catalina type aircraft which crashed with fourteen persons aboard in an inaccessible area of dense jungle and high trees. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, and despite the many hazards involved, he descended from the helicopter on a 150-foot rope with a portable radio and reported the number and condition of survivors. He remained for 3 days in the dense dangerous jungle, aiding survivors and directing rescue operations from that spot, and his determined efforts resulted in the ultimate evacuation of all eight survivors. The strong perseverance, bold leadership, and courageous heroism which he demonstrated throughout this rescue operation inspired both the victims and members of the rescue team, and contributed materially to the outstanding success realized in that overall effort. Lieutenant *Auth's* exemplary heroism under dangerous and difficult circumstances is worthy of emulation, and reflects the utmost credit upon himself, the Corps of Engineers, and the military service.

Specialist Four *Joseph Higgins* Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company D, 1st Airborne Battalion Group, 325th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, distinguished himself by heroism at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, on 26 January 1960. Specialist *Higgins* was engaged in an Army training test when a fellow soldier participating in that exercise made a futile attempt to cross Drowning Creek in an effort to avoid capture by simulated aggressor forces. The escaping man found himself in water too deep for wading and too swift for swimming and being unable to reach either bank, began to flounder in midstream. Quickly realizing that the victim was in fact drowning and was beginning to sink for the last time, Specialist *Higgins*, immediately and without concern for his own personal safety, dived fully clad and combat equipped into the fast, freezing, treacherous waters, and swam against the strong current to the drowning man's side. He grabbed the man, who was also fully equipped, pushed him to the side of the nearest bank, and supported him until others participating in the exercise pulled the soldier to safety. Specialist *Higgins'* unselfish courage and prompt actions in this sudden emergency saved his fellow soldier from certain death by drowning, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Master Sergeant *Thomas L. Lorton, Jr.*, United States Army, a member of Georgia Sector Command, XII U.S. Army Corps, distinguished himself by heroism in Atlanta, Georgia, on 3 March 1960. Seeing a woman staggering across her back yard, gasping for breath and calling for help, Sergeant *Lorton* ran to her assistance. Upon being informed that the woman's daughter was lying unconscious on the floor in the house which was filled with carbon monoxide fumes, he, immediately and without concern for his own personal safety, rushed into the house, despite the fact that he was completely unfamiliar with the interior of the home. Opening doors and windows as he went, gasping for breath, and faced with the risk of being trapped by the dangerous fumes, he located the unconscious girl and carried her to safety. His rapid and accurate analysis of the situation, his selfless courage and presence of mind saved the

girl from possible death. Sergeant *Lorton's* heroic actions in this emergency are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Starr A. Palmer*, RA Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery A, 217th Field Artillery Missile Battalion, distinguished himself by heroism on the night of 17 November 1959, near Langen, Germany. Sergeant *Palmer* was performing duty as a driver in a convoy when he noticed a huge flame at an intersection which he had just passed. Quickly determining that it was an accident involving a German civilian automobile and the Fire Control and Test Truck which was a part of his convoy, he promptly brought his vehicle to a halt, dismounted, and proceeded immediately to the scene with a fire extinguisher. Finding the Fire Control and Test Truck engulfed in flames, and realizing its immense value and importance to his unit, Sergeant *Palmer*, unhesitatingly and without concern for his own personal safety, moved in between the two burning vehicles and directed his extinguisher on the flames around the red hot metal of the burning gas tank of the Government vehicle. When his extinguisher was exhausted, voluntarily and unassisted, he entered the back of the still blazing van and secured another, despite the imminent possibility of an explosion at any time, and continued to combat the fire until the flames were reduced and other personnel assisted in bringing it under control. His bold leadership, prompt courage, and unselfish actions were instrumental in successfully containing the fire until it was put out with only slight damage to valuable Government property and without personnel loss or injury. Sergeant *Palmer's* determined and heroic efforts in this sudden emergency are worthy of emulation, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Frank O. Williams*, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of the Medical Detachment (3416), Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, distinguished himself by heroism on 24 January 1960, at Chester Springs, Pennsylvania. Sergeant *Williams* was sleeping at his home when he was awakened by a cry of "fire." Upon being advised that a neighbor's house was on fire, and one of the occupants trapped inside the burning building, immediately and without regard to his personal safety, he opened the front door of the house and crawled on hands and knees looking for the victim. After being unsuccessful in opening the door of the room where the victim was lying, Sergeant *Williams* left the burning building, placed a wet towel over his face and, with the assistance of three neighbors, re-entered the blazing building, forced open the blocked door, and removed the unconscious victim to safety. Sergeant *Williams* then immediately began to administer artificial respiration to the individual and continued for almost 1 hour until the ambulance arrived with a resuscitator. Sergeant *Williams'* prompt and courageous action and unselfish efforts in this emergency are worthy of emulation, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

VI..ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service is awarded to:

Specialist Four *Thomas H. Adams*, United States Army. December 1958 to May 1960.

Colonel *Francis W. Anderson*, Finance Corps, United States Army. November 1957 to April 1960.

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) *Wilber K. Anderson*, Chaplains,
United States Army. July 1957 to March 1959.

Colonel *Ernest T. Barco, Jr.*, Armor, United States Army. April
1956 to July 1959.

Captain *Richard E. Beaulieu*, Signal Corps, United States Army.
June 1958 to May 1960.

Sergeant First Class *Willard E. Bishop*, United States Army.
March 1955 to March 1960.

Major *Luther E. Broson*, General Staff (Artillery), United States
Army. May 1957 to May 1960.

Major *David L. Brubeck*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army.
May 1955 to December 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Ivan P. Egeler*, Quartermaster Corps, United
States Army. November 1954 to August 1959.

Specialist Six *Harry E. Foley*, United States Army. March
1956 to November 1959.

Colonel *Monroe E. Freeman*, Medical Service Corps, United States
Army. May 1956 to April 1960.

Colonel *Russell P. Grant*, Armor, United States Army. September
1956 to April 1960.

Master Sergeant *Arthur M. Gray*, United States Army. April
1957 to April 1960.

Master Sergeant *Robert F. Hagan*, United States Army. Feb-
ruary 1958 to May 1960.

Colonel *Andrew A. Hall*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.
April 1951 to April 1960.

Captain *Knox H. Hancock*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States
Army. April 1950 to December 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *George I. R. Lampman*, Infantry, United States
Army. March 1958 to July 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Edward A. Owsley*, Infantry, United States
Army. August 1957 to July 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *George H. Sewell*, Corps of Engineers, United
States Army. August 1955 to July 1959.

Sergeant *Phillip L. Slater*, United States Army. September
1957 to April 1960.

Major *Donn A. Starry*, Armor, United States Army. August 1958
to May 1959.

Specialist Four *William G. Stopper*, Army Intelligence, United
States Army. January 1959 to April 1960.

Lieutenant Colonel *Walter J. Todd*, Quartermaster Corps, United
States Army. August 1957 to January 1960.

Major *Robert Vaughan*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army.
February 1956 to March 1960.

Major *Jesse W. Webb*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.
December 1957 to March 1960.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of para-
graph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
for meritorious service is awarded to:

Captain *Hugh J. Bartley*, Armor, United States Army. August
1956 to May 1960.

- Colonel *Roland K. Charles, Jr.*, Medical Corps, United States Army.
July 1958 to May 1960.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Fred D. Clarke, Jr.*, Infantry, United States Army. June 1957 to May 1960.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Bobby B. Larsen*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. October 1957 to May 1960.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Charles Lencro*, Medical Service Corps, United States Army. December 1956 to April 1960.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Frederick P. Magers*, Armor, United States Army. September 1957 to May 1960.
- Colonel *James C. Pennington*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. May 1958 to May 1960.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Walter A. Pennino*, Infantry, United States Army. August 1956 to October 1959.
- Captain *Vernon A. Quarstein*, Infantry, United States Army. August 1958 to May 1959.
- Colonel *Ernest H. T. Schechinger*, Military Police Corps, United States Army. February 1957 to May 1960.
- Chief Warrant Officer *John L. Shastock*, The Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. October 1955 to May 1960.
- Lieutenant Colonel *Jordan J. Wilderman*, Artillery, United States Army. July 1957 to May 1960.
- Colonel *Michael J. Wazney*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. April 1957 to March 1960.
3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:
- Colonel *Ralph W. Arthur*, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1959 to April 1960.
- Major *Michael P. Rembjas*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. March 1957 to May 1960.
- Chief Warrant Officer *Denney M. Seamster*, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. July 1958 to November 1959.
4. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement is awarded to:
- Captain *Brisbane H. Brown, Jr.*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 31 October 1959.
- Private First Class *Stephen C. Handley*, United States Army. 15 October 1959.
- Sergeant *Robert M. Johnson*, Army Medical Service, United States Army. 1 March 1959.
- First Lieutenant *Richard W. Leister*, Infantry, United States Army. 10 through 21 March 1960.
- Private First Class *Philip L. Pugh*, Armor, United States Army. 1 March 1960.
- Sergeant First Class *Mamoru Shimizu*, United States Army. 23 February 1960.

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

L. I. LEMNITZER,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

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

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