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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 for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Major General *George O. N. Loden*, , United States Army. January 1947 to April 1961.

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:

Colonel *James W. Higgins, Jr.*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. July 1954 to April 1961.

Brigadier General *Paul G. Hollister*, , United States Army. November 1950 to April 1961.

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 *Clement F. St. John*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. July 1946 to April 1961.

Major General *David H. Tulley*, , United States Army. April 1953 to April 1961.

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 is awarded to:

Lieutenant General *Bjørn Olafsson Christophersen*, Norwegian Army. January 1956 to March 1961.

Lieutenant General *Choi Kyung Nok*, , Republic of Korea Army. October 1950 to February 1961.

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 is awarded to:

General *Omar Porcuncula*, Uruguayan Army. August 1958 to November 1960.

IV. 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:

Specialist Four *James E. Caldwell*, , Signal Corps, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, United States Army Signal Missile Support Agency, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, distinguished himself

by heroism on 6 October 1960, at Organ, New Mexico. When a fire occurred in a house trailer, Specialist *Caldwell* proceeded immediately to the scene of the fire and assisted in attempts to extinguish the blaze. Upon being informed that a man was trapped inside and could not be reached because of the intense heat and heavy smoke generated by the burning shellacked walls, Specialist *Caldwell* voluntarily entered the burning vehicle in an effort to locate the victim. At that same time, several thousand rounds of small arms ammunition were ignited by the flames and exploded. Without regard for his own personal safety, and despite the possible danger of being hit by the flying bullets, he proceeded inside the flaming trailer and located and carried the victim to safety. Promptly administering first aid, he then placed the unconscious man in a vehicle and drove him quickly to the United States Army Dispensary at the White Sands Missile Range. His presence of mind and courageous actions undoubtedly saved the man, who suffered from cyanosis and severe shock, from possible death. Specialist *Caldwell's* unselfish heroism is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant *William B. Tapp, Jr.*, , United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 506th Infantry, distinguished himself by heroism on 7 February 1961, on the military reservation at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The platoon, undergoing field training exercises, was encamped for the night when huge flames caused by the explosion of a can of gasoline engulfed one of the tents. The officer trapped inside was covered from head to toe with the burning fuel and, in an attempt to get out of the blazing structure, was covered with even more gasoline. Sergeant *Tapp* immediately heard the explosion and, realizing the serious danger involved, yelled to the officer who had then panicked and started to run. Upon seeing the screaming, burning figure dash from the fiery tent, Sergeant *Tapp* grabbed the flame-covered man and toppled him to the ground. Without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, he physically controlled the victim, despite the searing flames, and rolled him in the mud, smothered the fire with his own body, and beat out the remaining blaze with his field jacket. His prompt, decisive actions and courageous efforts in the face of extreme personal danger undoubtedly saved the officer's life. The unselfish heroism displayed by Sergeant *Tapp* in this sudden emergency is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

V. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944, a Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States is awarded to:

Captain *Andre J. Bouchardon*, , (then First Lieutenant), United States Army, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement against an armed enemy during the period 5 May to 7 October 1944. As a member of the Office of Strategic Services Detachment, European Theater of Operations, Captain *Bouchardon* had been parachuted into enemy-occupied territory, and was responsible for sending and receiving vitally important operational information. His thoroughly outstanding performance of this duty resulted in the effective organization and arming of a highly efficient resistance force within enemy lines. Despite the fact that he would have been well known to the enemy if detected, he persisted in the execution of this dangerous intelligence

mission and participated courageously in actions against the enemy. His many singular efforts materially enhanced the liberation of a large strategic section, and contributed to the ultimate allied victory in France. Captain *Bouchardon's* exemplary performance of duty throughout this perilous mission is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944, a Bronze Star Medal with "V" device (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant *Frederick J. Johnson*, (then Technician Third Grade), United States Army, a member of the Medical Detachment, 128th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by heroism in ground combat against an armed enemy during the period 23 March to 18 April 1945 on Luzon, Philippine Islands. Sergeant *Johnson's* outstanding military proficiency, personal resourcefulness and remarkable presence of mind were thoroughly displayed under extremely hazardous combat conditions. His courageous efforts were particularly manifested on 25 March 1945, when the enemy concentrated artillery and mortar barrages on the area occupied by the battalion command post and aid station. Immediately after the first shell burst, Sergeant *Johnson* rushed to the wounded men and, without regard for his own personal safety, administered first aid and evacuated them to safety. The skill and calmness with which he worked in the face of a constant barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire aided materially in saving the lives of many of his comrades. Sergeant *Johnson's* unselfish and heroic actions throughout this period are in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

VI..ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 18, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service is awarded posthumously to:

Captain *Edward G. Gallagher*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. January 1960 to September 1960.

VII..ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 18, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service is awarded to:

Major *Nell N. Allgood*, , Artillery, United States Army. June 1960 to April 1961.

Major *Lee Roy H. Beaumont, Jr.*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. September 1959 to January 1961.

Major *Catherine G. Boles*, , Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. February 1958 to February 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Fred A. Coley*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. February 1958 to January 1961.

Major *Ray T. Orane*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. June 1958 to February 1961.

Master Sergeant *Dan A. Delano*, , United States Army. March 1956 to January 1961.

Major *John A. Frago*, , Inspector General (Quartermaster Corps), United States Army. June 1957 to February 1961.

Major *George E. Hall, Jr.*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. June 1958 to March 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Enrique J. Hubert*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. August 1960 to February 1961.

Major *Vira B. Hufcut*, , Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. January 1958 to February 1961.

Major *Lloyd S. Jackson*, , United States Army. January to December 1960.

Sergeant First Class *Francis Lang, Jr.*, , United States Army. 13 to 17 December 1960.

Master Sergeant *Charles K. Morton*, , United States Army. 13 to 17 December 1960.

Lieutenant Colonel *Julian R. Price*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. June 1958 to February 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Royce J. Rogers*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1958 to January 1961.

Master Sergeant *Richard F. Simmons*, , United States Army. April 1958 to March 1961.

Captain *Carl B. Smyth*, , Infantry, United States Army. August 1957 to March 1961.

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

Master Sergeant *Benjamin F. Bennett*, , United States Army. November 1958 to April 1961.

Specialist Seven *LaMona O. Rivers*, , WAC, United States Army. July 1958 to April 1961.

Colonel *Wilton L. Simmons*, , (then Lieutenant Colonel), Infantry, United States Army. May 1957 to March 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Donald L. Wardle*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. August 1957 to October 1960.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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