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I. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.—1. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel *Harold L. Taylor*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. 15 July 1952 to 5 May 1953. (This award supersedes the prior award of the Legion of Merit, as announced in General Orders No. 142, Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Far East, 25 May 1953.)

Major General *Samuel T. Williams*, , United States Army. 18 July 1952 to 10 November 1954.

2. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished Service Medal (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major General *David A. D. Ogden*, , United States Army. 14 November 1951 to 2 January 1953.

II. SILVER STAR.—1. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *Shin Kum Suk*, , Infantry, Republic of Korea Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against an armed enemy of the United Nations Command in the area of "M-1 Hill" in Korea on 19 June 1953. After several attempts to recapture this important outpost had failed due to stubborn enemy resistance, Captain *Shin* personally set out at the head of two of his squads at 0300 hours in another attempt to accomplish his unit's mission of retaking "M-1 Hill." Proceeding up the hill, they encountered heavy enemy machine gun fire which grew progressively more intense. As they neared the crest, their advance was momentarily halted by an enemy heavy machine gun fire that was particularly damaging. Carefully observing and studying the situation, Captain *Shin* sent one squad to neutralize this heavy machine gun while he encircled the machine gun bunker and approached from the flank. Upon reaching the position, he immediately joined his men whom he found already engaged in hand to hand combat with the enemy. Despite the fact that he was wounded in the foot by an exploding enemy grenade, he rushed the machine gun bunker from which the grenade had been thrown. As the enemy attempted to flee, Captain *Shin* threw a hand grenade into their midst and the exploding grenade resulted in the death of two of the enemy and led to the capture of a third. The courageous and inspiring leadership demonstrated by Captain *Shin* contributed greatly in the successful

accomplishment of his unit's mission and reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

2. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action, previously awarded to the following-named enlisted man is confirmed:

Corporal *Niles R. Thompson*, , (then Private First Class), Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery C, 60th Coast Artillery Regiment (Antiaircraft), distinguished himself by gallantry in action on Corregidor, Philippine Islands, on or about 20 April 1942. When a fellow crew member was trapped outside of the gun position during a heavy enemy artillery attack and was wounded, Corporal *Thompson* unhesitatingly left his sheltered position and rushed to the aid of the wounded soldier. Despite the continued hostile shelling he successfully brought his comrade to safety. Corporal *Thompson's* courageous action, without regard for his personal safety, reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

III..LEGION OF MERIT.—By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Frank J. Buldain*, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. 1 February 1952 to 1 June 1954.

IV..LEGION OF MERIT.—1. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Chief Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to the following-named officers:

His Excellency, Colonel *Marcos Perez Jimenez*, President of the Republic of Venezuela.

General *Paik Sun Yup*, , Republic of Korea Army. 23 July 1952 to 14 March 1954.

2. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers.

Major General *Francisco Tabernilla y Dolz*, Cuban Army. 10 March 1952 to 20 May 1954.

Major *Reinaldo Varea Donoso*, Ecuadoran Army.

General *Lee Heung Koon*, , Republic of Korea Army. 30 January 1952 to 20 February 1954.

Lieutenant General *Tomas Sanchez Hernandez*, Mexican Army.

Lieutenant General *Modesto A. Guinart Lopez*, Mexican Army.

Lieutenant General *Matias Ramos Santos*, Mexican Army.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942), and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers.

Brigadier *Jean V. Allard*, , Canadian Army. 5 April 1953 to 19 June 1954.

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles J. Bodart*, , Infantry, Belgian Army. 15 November 1952 to 15 December 1953.

Major General *Kang Mun Bong*, , Republic of Korea Army. 2 November 1952 to 12 March 1954.

Major General *Alexander Christeas*, , Greek Army. 26 October 1953 to 1 November 1954.

Brigadier *Basil A. Coad*, British Army. September 1950 to March 1951.

Brigadier General *Yu Hai Jun*, , Republic of Korea Army. 12 September 1952 to 25 April 1954.

Major General *Thanom Kittikhachorn*, Royal Thai Army. 28 July 1953 to 21 August 1953.

Colonel *Jaime Polania Puyo*, Infantry, Army of Colombia. December 1952 to October 1954.

Brigadier General *Ahn Dong Soon*, , Republic of Korea Army. 1 October 1950 to 3 March 1954.

4. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD. Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec. I, WD. Bul. 54, 1942), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted man:

Corporal *Veli Atasoy*, Turkish Army. November 1950 to August 1953.

Colonel *Bae Duk Chin*, , Republic of Korea Army. 16 January 1953 to 16 November 1953.

Lieutenant Colonel *Anibal Clavell*, Paraguayan Army. February 1953 to December 1954.

Colonel *Lee Churi Hi*, , Infantry, Republic of Korea Army. 8 January 1953 to 6 April 1954.

Commander *Youn Joung*, , Republic of Korea Navy. 10 April to 31 July 1953.

V. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant *Vincent Lecchi*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army, a member of Detachment No. 3, 1262d Army Service Unit, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on 7 November 1952. Sergeant *Lecchi*, upon hearing an explosion rushed to the impact area of a rifle-grenade range and discovered that a detail of men had entered the impact area while proceeding to the scene of a brush fire. Being fully cognizant of the density of unexploded grenades in the area and without regard for his personal safety, he proceeded into the area where he administered first aid to three wounded men, prevented panic, and led the detail from the impact area to safety. While leading the men out to safety, a second explosion occurred. Sergeant *Lecchi* found four men were injured and the range officer killed by this explosion. He again administered first aid, prevented panic, and led the remaining men of this group to a place of safety. The prompt, courageous, and determined action taken by Sergeant *Lecchi* in twice entering a hazardous area, preventing panic, administering aid to the wounded and guiding uninjured men from the impact area, reflect distinct credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Marshal E. Ledford*, , United States Army, a member of Company A, 728th Military Police Battalion, distinguished himself by heroism at Yongdung-po, Korea, on 8 August 1954. Private *Ledford* was leaving the company area when he heard a loud explosion in the near vicinity. Rushing to the scene of the disaster, he found a derailed Korean passenger train engulfed in flames. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private *Ledford* entered the blazing cab of the engine where two Korean nationals were trapped, removed them to an adjacent rice paddy, extinguished their burning garments, and assisted them to a place of safety for further treatment. Private *Ledford* then hastened back to the wreckage and, despite the raging flames and intense smoke, continued to search for injured personnel. Altogether he entered the train six times to escort or carry survivors out of the danger zone. Private *Ledford's* calm and courageous actions were highly instrumental in saving the lives of eight Korean nationals, reflecting credit on himself and the military service.

Corporal *Gerald W. Mozenter*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of the Engineer Fire Fighting Company, 8075th Army Unit, distinguished himself by heroism in Pusan, Korea, on 18 August 1954. Corporal *Mozenter* was inspecting fire fighting equipment near the pier at Pusan Harbor when he and a comrade observed unusual actions of a young Korean girl on the sea wall and, realizing she contemplated suicide, they immediately approached her in an attempt to prevent her from leaping into the sea. Unheeding their efforts to dissuade her she broke away from them and threw herself into the water, at that time whipped into lashing waves and treacherous currents by the high winds of "Typhoon Grace." Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal *Mozenter* plunged into the turbulent waters fully clothed, swam to the stricken girl, and pulled her to safety. His prompt and courageous action in the face of danger undoubtedly saved the life of the Korean national and elicited deep respect and high commendation from his comrades and the people of Korea. Corporal *Mozenter's* courageous action reflects great credit on himself and upholds the esteemed traditions of the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Clifford K. Potter*, , Infantry, United States Army, a member of Detachment 9, 3320th Area Service Unit, Raleigh, North Carolina, distinguished himself by heroism at Raleigh, North Carolina, on 17 September 1954. Sergeant *Potter* sighted an armed fugitive who was being pursued by a city policeman. With complete disregard for his own safety he also pursued the fugitive, captured, disarmed, and restrained him until the police arrived placing him under arrest. Sergeant *Potter's* heroism and unhesitating action exemplified the highest type of citizenship and reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant *George A. Vaillancourt*, , Artillery, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism while serving as officer in charge of a troop movement between the Islands of Hokkaido and Honshu, Japan, on 26 September 1954. The "Toya Maru," heavily laden with passengers and cargo, was buffeted by merciless, high velocity winds and floundered in a raging, turbulent sea. When the ferry began to list, Lieutenant *Vaillancourt* sought the services of an interpreter and personally brought his men from assigned quarters below deck to the 2d Class Salon area, where life belts were issued to them. Throughout a harrowing 4-hour period, Lieutenant *Vaillancourt's* calm steadying influence proved a source of inspiration and courage to both the troops under his command and to the civilian passengers. His selfless concern

for others and keen sense of humor prevailed during the final terrifying moments before the ship capsized, and he was last seen issuing vivid instructions and aiding fellow passengers. Lieutenant *Vaillancourt's* intrepid leadership and consummate devotion to duty minimized panic and afforded greater opportunity for escape from the ill-fated vessel, reflecting distinct credit on himself and the military service.

VI..BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. III, WD Bul. 1944), the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Major General *Song Yo Chan*, , Republic of Korea Army. 13 to 19 July 1953.

First Lieutenant *Rhee Jahn Kee*, , Republic of Korea Army. 18 April 1953 to 27 July 1954.

Colonel *Ragnar Nordlie*, , Medical Corps, Norwegian Army. 4 February to 1 July 1954.

Captain *Robert J. Staples*, Canadian Army. 15 April 1952 to 30 January 1953.

Brigadier General *Kim Wan Yong*, , Republic of Korea Army. 1 April 1953 to 1 April 1954.

VII..BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named individual:

Mr. *Yun Yong Ha*, Republic of Korea civilian, distinguished himself by heroism in action against the enemy in Korea, on 12 April 1953. As a member of a raiding party behind enemy lines, Mr. *Yun* actively participated in the completion of a special mission which significantly assisted the intelligence effort in Korea. This daring operation resulted in the capture of a field grade officer and other enemy personnel, together with numerous important documents, providing extremely timely and useful information on many phases of the enemy situation. The heroism displayed by Mr. *Yun* in the performance of these hazardous duties contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of a difficult mission. Mr. *Yun's* courageous actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Republic of Korea.

VIII..AIR MEDAL.—1. By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 25, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 49, 1942), the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *Ben D. Durall*, , Artillery, United States Army. 13 September 1954.

2. By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 25, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 49, 1942), the Air Medal (second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant *Marvin D. McPherson*, , United States Navy. 1 November 1953 to 15 May 1954.

3. By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 25, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 49, 1942), the Air Medal (fourth Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant *Kenneth E. Lindley*, , United States Navy. 1 November 1953 to 15 May 1954.

4. By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 25, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 49, 1942), the Air Medal (fifth Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major *Earl W. Langston*, , United States Marine Corps. 1 November 1953 to 15 May 1954.

5. By direction of the President, under Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (sec III, WD Bul. 25, 1942), as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 49, 1942), the Air Medal (seventh Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major *Robert C. McGuire*, , United States Marine Corps. 1 November 1953 to 15 May 1954.

IX..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT.—1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 20, AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Sergeant First Class *James Scavera*, RA , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 February 1953 to 1 October 1954.

Captain *William R. Shadish*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 1 December 1950 to 4 September 1953.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 20, AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men and individuals:

Sergeant First Class *William R. Carney, Jr.*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 22 August 1954.

James K. Hagelstein, DC-1, United States Navy. 15 November 1954.

Albert G. Haynes, DCFN, United States Navy. 15 November 1954.

Corporal *Charles W. Jarstfer*, , Infantry, United States Army. 20 September 1954.

Corporal *John H. Marstellar*, , Infantry, United States Army. 20 September 1954.

Private *William A. Mynhier*, , Artillery, United States Army. 18 September 1954.

Private First Class *Raymond E. Simonsen*, , Artillery, United States Army. 17 July 1954.

Sergeant First Class *Jerry C. Wood*, , Infantry, United States Army. 20 September 1954.

X..LEGION OF MERIT.—So much of paragraph 2, section IV, DA General Orders 27, 1948, as pertains to award of the Legion of Merit (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to certain military personnel, is amended to include the name of "Major General *Halley G. Maddox,* , (then Colonel, General Staff Corps (Cavalry)), United States Army. January 1946 to February 1948."

XI..AIR MEDAL.—So much of paragraph 4, section VII, DA General Orders 78, 1954, as pertains to the award of the Air Medal (third Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights to Technical Sergeant *Denzel L. Clark,* , United States Air Force, as reads "Air Medal (third Oak Leaf Cluster)" is amended to read "Air Medal (eleventh Oak Leaf Cluster)."

XII..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT.—So much of section XI, General Orders 107, Department of the Army, 1951, as pertains to the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service to Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) *William S. Hutchinson, Jr.,* , Chemical Corps, as reads "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant" is amended to read "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (first Oak Leaf Cluster)."

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