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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 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Brigadier General *Robert H. Wienecke*, (then Colonel), General Staff, United States Army. 25 March 1953 to 25 May 1954. (This award supersedes the prior award of the Legion of Merit (second Oak Leaf Cluster) as announced in General Orders No. 195, Headquarters, Army Forces Far East, 26 May 1954.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of 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 *Paul F. Yount*, then Brigadier General, United States Army. 25 August 1950 to 19 March 1951 and 26 March 1951 to 10 April 1952.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished Service Medal (second 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:

General *Earle E. Partridge*, 33A, United States Air Force. 26 March 1954 to 3 June 1955.

II. SILVER STAR. 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 on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Brigadier General *George C. Vlases*, Greek Army, Chief of Greek Liaison Group, United Nations and Far East Commands, distinguished himself by gallantry in action near Surang-ni, Korea, on 18 June 1953. While inspecting the elements of the Greek Expeditionary Forces Battalion in their most forward positions in defense of critical terrain, the enemy opened an intensive artillery and mortar barrage on outpost "Harry." After a careful evaluation of the situation General *Vlases* coordinated the activities of his units and prepared for a probable enemy attack. He moved throughout the impact area assisting unit commanders, steadying and encouraging the troops by his inspiring example and insuring proper and speedy evacuation of the wounded. Without regard for his own safety, constantly exposed to heavy fire, he continued his visits from unit to unit stressing the importance of their mission and coordinating defensive measures. After strong friendly artillery and mortar fire succeeded in silencing hostile fire and when he was convinced that the outpost was secure from attack he returned to the Battalion Command Post. His presence in the forward area provided a strong, steadying influence which imbued the troops with indomitable

resolution and determination. General *Vlasov's* courage, outstanding leadership and untiring devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit on himself and the Greek Royal Armed Forces.

III. LEGION OF MERIT. 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 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Chaplain (Captain) *Emil J. Kapaun*, , Chaplains, United States Army, 4 November 1950 to 23 May 1951.

IV. LEGION OF MERIT. 1. 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 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), 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

Major *Kenneth B. Cooper*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 15 June 1951 to 18 May 1955.

2. 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 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *John G. Fowler*, , United States Air Force. 8 December 1954 to 4 May 1955.

Brigadier General, *Henry R. Paige*, , United States Marine Corps. 4 November 1954 to 1 March 1955.

V. LEGION OF MERIT. 1. 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 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services are awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant General *Abdullah Hedayat*, Imperial Iranian Army.

Major General *Nader Batmangliji*, Imperial Iranian Army.

2. 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 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Mahmood Afsharpour*, Imperial Iranian Army.

General *Guillermo Murdooh*, Uruguayan Army. July 1952 to December 1954.

Brigadier General *Hedayatollah Sohrab*, Imperial Iranian Army.

Brigadier General *Kim Kas Won*, Republic of Korea Army. 30 June 1951 to 30 December 1951 and 20 June 1953 to 27 July 1954.

3. By direction of the President, under the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), 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:

Lieutenant Colonel *Luis A. Laverde*, , Colombian Army. 2 April 1952 to 1 September 1954.

Lieutenant Colonel *Paik Haeng Koul*, Republic of Korea Army. 18 February 1953 to 27 July 1954.

VI..DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), a Distinguished-Flying Cross (second Oak Leaf Cluster) for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Warrant Officer, W-1, *Billy I. Wester*, , United States Army. 17 October 1954.

VII..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 officers and enlisted men:

Major *Charles E. Branson*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army, as Commanding Officer, Badger Ordnance Works, Baraboo, Wisconsin, distinguished himself by heroism at Badger Ordnance Works on 27 June 1950. Upon notification that a 16-year-old boy had been bitten by rattlesnakes, Major *Branson* acted promptly and bravely, at the risk of his own life to save the boy. Running through dangerously snake infested area, Major *Branson* found the boy, applied a tourniquet, and carried the boy over the very rugged terrain to a safe place. Having previously alerted a doctor, Major *Branson* drove the boy to a hospital and later was instrumental in finding the rare type blood required for transfusions. Major *Branson's* alert and courageous action was materially responsible for saving the boy's life and thereby reflects distinct credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant *Lloyd W. Burden* RA , Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 710th Ordnance Battalion, 10th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Riley, Kansas, on 18 March 1955. During the clearing of the firing range, by detonating unexploded rifle grenades, a grass fire was ignited. While attempting to extinguish the fire a grenade exploded causing the loss of one of the work party's legs. Although this area was heavily infested with unexploded rifle grenades and other ammunition, Sergeant *Burden* unhesitatingly and in the face of great personal danger went directly to the enlisted man's aid. He carried the man from the danger area, applied first aid, and drove him to the hospital at Fort Riley. This prompt and unhesitant action undoubtedly prevented the loss of the enlisted man's life. Sergeant *Burden's* conspicuous courage and complete disregard for the desperate personal risk involved in the performance of this heroic act reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private *Jackie B. Dubberly*, , distinguished himself by heroism near Pusan, Korea, on 8 April 1955. When a soldier was overcome by gasoline vapor while removing the float and pump pipes in a stalled tractor-trailer, Private *Dubberly* immediately crawled through the 18-inch opening of the hatch and attempted to rescue him. Although the stricken man had lost coordination of his faculties and the power to reason, Private *Dubberly* remained in the tank and tried desperately to save his comrade until he, *Dubberly* fell unconscious from the poisonous fumes. Private *Dubberly's* valorous conduct and intrepid actions reflect utmost credit on himself and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service.

Private *Adolph F. Field*, , United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 8 April 1955 in Pusan, Korea. On the evening of that day a

gasoline tractor-trailer was brought into the Motor Pool of the 93th Quartermaster Battalion for emergency repair of the float on the pump pipes and, in attempting to remove the defective float from within the gasoline tank, the driver of the tractor-trailer was overcome by the gasoline fumes and rendered unconscious. Although having seen one comrade pulled from the tank unconscious and another almost overcome by the poisonous vapors in their attempts to save the driver, Private *Field* completely disregarded his own safety by unhesitatingly entering the fume-filled gasoline tank through its 18-inch hatch to rescue his fellow soldier. With singular bravery and great risk to his life, he successfully lifted the unconscious driver through the hatch and pushed him out of the tank, subsequently helping to place him in an ambulance. Private *Field's* prompt and courageous action in the face of grave danger is testimony of his intrepidity and selfless devotion to duty. His act of heroism reflects great credit on himself and upholds the esteemed traditions of the military service.

Master Sergeant *William C. Loman*, , Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery B, 8d GM Battalion, distinguished himself by heroism at Fort Bliss, Texas, on 31 March 1955. As an erector operator was removing a guided missile from a launcher, the tip of the missile contacted power lines carrying 13,500 volts. The operator received severe electrical shock from a remote control box he was cradling in his arms. Sergeant *Loman* unhesitatingly, with utter disregard for his own safety, wrested the box and cable from the man's grasp and threw it clear of other individuals in the immediate area. At the same time, he coolly dispatched other members of the crew to phone for an ambulance and to report the accident. Sergeant *Loman* also had the erector and missile removed from contact with the power lines. His alertness and courageous action, with utter disregard for his own safety, undoubtedly saved the operator's life and prevented injury and possible loss of life to his fellow soldiers in the danger area. Sergeant *Loman's* prompt and gallant action reflects distinct credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Jimmie D. McMillan*, , United States Army, a member of Battery C, 551st AAA Missile Battalion, distinguished himself by heroism at El Monte, California, on 21 December 1954. A civilian dwelling located approximately 200 yards from the Battery Administrative Area caught fire and it was evident that the building could not be saved. Upon hearing the hysterical cries of a mother that her small child was inside the burning building, Private *McMillan* rushed to the door and on the second attempt smashed it open and entered the smoke filled room to search for the child. Finding no child inside he left the building and shouted to observers that no one was inside. By this time the house was almost completely engulfed in flame and on the verge of collapse. Despite the danger, Private *McMillan*, upon learning that the child might still be inside, entered the building the second time but could not find the child so he left the building which collapsed several minutes later. It was later learned that the child had been removed to the home of a neighbor before the fire got out of control. The prompt and courageous action of Private *McMillan* reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service.

Major *John Smetana*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 17 October 1954 in attempting to save the life of a small boy who had broken through thin ice. Major *Smetana*, with complete disregard for his own safety, wearing waist-high boots, walked to the edge of the thin ice where the small boy had fallen into the water. After falling into the icy water to his waist, Major *Smetana* tried to reach the boy again, this time plunging into water over his head. Having made several attempts to grasp a pole which was extended to him, Major *Smetana* finally succeeded and was able to reach the shore safely. By his fearless and heroic actions, Major *Smetana* has brought great credit on himself and the military service.

Sergeant First Class *Jackie R. Williams*, , United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 1 July 1955 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, as a member of Battery B, 61st Antiaircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, Reserve Command, 6th Armored Division. While acting in the capacity of Instructor and Safety Noncommissioned Officer on the Live Hand Grenade Range, a trainee whom Sergeant *Williams* was coaching accidentally allowed the safety lever of a concussion grenade to be released while holding the grenade in his hand after pulling the safety pin. Sergeant *Williams* with utter disregard for his own personal safety, immediately pried the grenade from the trainee's grasp, pushed him out of danger and threw the grenade which exploded immediately after clearing the protective wall. His alertness and courageous action, without regard for his personal safety, undoubtedly prevented injury and loss of life among his fellow soldiers in the danger area. Sergeant *Williams'* prompt and gallant action reflects distinct credit on himself and the military service.

VIII. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *Selassie H. Ayalew*, Infantry, Ethiopian Army. April 1951 to April 1952.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant *Henry N. Theisen*, , Artillery, United States Army. 11 September 1951.

IX. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *Feliciano A. Espina*, , then Third Lieutenant, Philippine Army. Lieutenant *Espina*, for his untiring efforts during the action at Culis Creek, northeast of Hermosa, Bataan, on 6 and 7 January 1942, in maintaining communication under shell fire within the 71st FA and to the supported infantry. In spite of the fact that the town of Hermosa had been bombed and was on fire, this officer laid a new telephone line through the town to the 71st Infantry to replace the one that had failed to function. (This award supersedes the prior award of the Purple Heart, as announced in General Orders No. 4, Headquarters Philippine Department in the Field, dated 15 January 1942.)

X. 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 officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant *Irwin A. Berg*, , United States Army. 15 September 1952 to 12 April 1955.

First Lieutenant *Arned L. Hinshaw*, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. 5 January 1955 to 24 May 1955.

Captain *Cecil W. Hospelhorn*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 1 September 1953 to 1 February 1954.

Captain *Louis F. Rudolph, Jr.*, Signal Corps, United States Army,
1 April 1953 to 1 October 1954.

Master Sergeant *Sophie Stufen*, Women's Army Corps, United
States Army. 25 May 1952 to 27 July 1955.

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:

Master Sergeant *Laurion R. DuTremble*, Infantry, United
States Army. 5 November 1954.

Master Sergeant *Clarence V. Dye*, United States Army. 14
February 1955.

Corporal *Delbert C. Ferris*, United States Army. 22 March
1955.

Sergeant *Roy K. Grubbs*, Transportation Corps, United States
Army. 20 February 1955.

Private *Leonard Rice*, United States Army. 13 December 1954

Airman Second Class *Ross N. Tucker*, United States Air Force.
1 July 1953 to 18 May 1954.

Airman Second Class *Richard C. Wagner*, United States Air
Force. 1 July 1953 to 18 May 1954.

Master Sergeant *Melvin V. Yale*, United States Army. 12 Janu-
ary 1955 to 20 January 1955.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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