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

Colonel *Carl T. Schmidt*, , Infantry, United States Army. 28 August 1957 to 17 October 1958.

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 *John P. Dicks*, , Infantry, United States Army. 9 August 1955 to 18 September 1958.

Colonel *Earl C. Lowry*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 8 August 1953 to 15 December 1958.

Colonel *Joseph R. Shaeffer*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 1 July 1952 to 31 December 1958.

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 *Crump Garvin*, , United States Army. May 1951 to 31 December 1958.

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 *Harold G. Hayes*, , United States Army. November 1945 to December 1958.

Colonel *Lawrence E. Nobles*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. 8 August 1954 to 31 December 1958.

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

Major General *Fermin Gutierrez de Soto*, Spanish Army. November 1953 to July 1956.

Brigadier General (then Colonel) *Joaquin de Ysasi-Ysasmendi*, Spanish Army. November 1953 to June 1954.

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:

Colonel *Inigo de Arteaga Falguera*, Spanish Army. May 1956 to May 1957.
Major *Atilio Lopez-Ameri*, Peruvian Army. 1 January 1957 to 1 June 1958.

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:

Sergeant First Class *Harold W. Akers*, , United States Army, a member of the United States Army Mission to Costa Rica, distinguished himself by heroism on the Sarapiqui River, Costa Rica, on 16 October 1958. While on the return trip from a liaison visit via boat, a fellow soldier fell overboard into the river. The soldier could not swim and the river was heavily strewn with debris, and had a treacherous current and undertow. Sergeant *Akers* voluntarily, without hesitation, and with complete disregard for his own safety, jumped into the water, fully clothed, in an attempt to save the soldier's life. After reaching the victim, Sergeant *Akers* struggled relentlessly to keep his comrade's head above the water, but due to the overpowering current of the river the victim was eventually swept from his grasp and lost. His attempt to effect the rescue was so exhausting that, on the verge of collapse, he had to be physically retrieved from the water by another soldier who was in the boat. Sergeant *Akers'* courage and inspirational action in the face of great danger reflect credit on himself and are in keeping with honored traditions of the military service.

Corporal *Wilson Blankenship*, , then Specialist Four, United States Army, Headquarters Company, 6th United States Army Security Agency Field Station, distinguished himself by heroism at Herzogenaurach, Germany, on 31 May 1958. While performing duty as Security Guard, Corporal *Blankenship* was informed of a soldier creating a disturbance by threatening to jump from the roof of a building, a distance of approximately 28 feet to the ground. Upon arrival at the scene, Corporal *Blankenship* ran into the building, climbed out on the ledge of a window directly beneath the enlisted man on the roof and urged him not to jump. When it became apparent that the man insisted upon plunging from the roof, Corporal *Blankenship*, immediately and without concern for his own personal safety, proceeded onto the dangerously sloping 45-degree roof. Moving quickly along the roof in complete darkness, Corporal *Blankenship* managed to break the man's headlong fall toward the ground and suffered severe cuts to his own hands as he caught the slipping soldier by the leg and held him until additional help arrived. Corporal *Blankenship's* prompt, courageous and selfless actions saved a fellow soldier from serious injury or possible death, and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service.

V..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL 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:

Lieutenant Colonel *Howard F. Cleary*, , Signal Corps, Army of the United States. 1 December 1956 to 30 December 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Allison A. Conrad*, , Infantry, Army of the United States. 1 August 1957 to 31 December 1958.

Chief Warrant Officer *Burl E. Dickerson*, , Artillery, Army of the United States. 19 June 1953 to 6 November 1958.

Master Sergeant *Rudi Hamvai*, , United States Army. 15 April 1951 to 16 December 1958.

Specialist Five *Edwin F. Jaquet*, , United States Army. July 1957 to December 1958.

Sergeant First Class *Charles L. McCollum*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. 2 May 1955 to 15 October 1958.

First Lieutenant *Martin M. Mintz*, , Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. 28 February 1957 to 28 October 1958.

Major *William Schabacker*, , Infantry, United States Army. 2 August 1955 to 4 December 1958.

First Lieutenant *Leonard M. Seymour*, , Medical Service Corps, Army of the United States. 22 July to 21 October 1958.

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

Lieutenant Colonel *Harry E. Northrup*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the United States. 18 June 1951 to 30 November 1958.

Colonel *Raymond A. Rossberg*, , Army of the United States Retired. 1 July 1946 through 31 December 1958.

Master Sergeant *Edgar B. Sisk*, , United States Army. 18 June 1952 through 31 December 1958.

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 for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Specialist Five *Joseph A. Grumski*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 3 April 1958.

First Lieutenant *Elvin A. Kreilick, Jr.*, , Armor, Army of the United States. 11 March 1958.

Sergeant First Class *Carl D. Zickefoose*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. 21 May 1958.

VI. LEGION OF MERIT. So much of paragraph 2, section III, DA General Orders 49, 1957, as pertains to the award of the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to Brigadier General *Thomas Dodson Stamps*, , United States Army, is revoked.

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

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

Official:

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

Distribution:

Active Army: A.

To be distributed as needed to all units and headquarters down to and including companies and batteries and to units and headquarters of comparable size.

NG and USAR: B.

To be distributed as needed to all units and headquarters down to and including separate battalions (administrative) and to units and headquarters of comparable size and responsibility.

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