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I. 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, Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Shim On Bong*, , Republic of Korea Army.
10 September 1952 to 27 April 1954.

Major General *Chang Kuk Chang*, Republic of Korea Army. August 1953 to March 1955.

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, Degree of Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major *Boon Rangaratna*, O6583, Thailand Army. 30 November 1952 to 12 June 1953.

II. 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 date indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men.

Sergeant *Billy J. Bailey*, , United States Army, a member of the 545th Military Police Company, 1st Cavalry Division, distinguished himself by an act of heroism, performed in Sendai, Japan, on 5 January 1955. While directing and controlling spectator traffic during the progress of a large fire in one of the city's business districts, Sergeant *Bailey* recognized the cries of children which he believed to be emanating from one of the burning buildings. Accompanied by another military policeman, he dashed up to the structure, by now completely enshrouded in flame and billowing smoke, and broke down a locked door. They entered and quickly located two small, panic-stricken Japanese children whom they promptly delivered to safety. Sergeant *Bailey's* conspicuous courage and total disregard for the desperate risk involved in the performance of this heroic act reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Corporal *James A. Bailey*, , United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism as a member of the 545th Military Police Company, 1st Cavalry Division, on 5 January 1955, in Sendai, Japan. When a disastrous fire broke out in the city of Nagatake on the evening of that day, Corporal *Bailey* was assisting in handling spectator traffic around the stricken area when he and a comrade heard the cries of two children from within one of the burning buildings. Although the building was completely enveloped in flames and the billowing smoke was suffocating, he and his comrade, without hesitation and with complete disregard for personal safety, broke open a locked door of the building and ran the risk of being trapped and burned to death to find and carry two small Japanese children to safety. Corporal *Bailey's* decisive action and exceptional courage in the face of grave danger saved the lives of the two

Japanese children, earned the deepest gratitude of the Japanese people, and greatly enhanced the prestige of United States forces. His act of heroism reflects great credit on himself and upholds the esteemed traditions of the military service.

Private *David G. Benson*, , United States Army, a member of Company B, 519th Military Police Battalion, distinguished himself by heroism at Chunchon, Korea, on 3 November 1954. While on duty as a military policeman at Traffic Control Point Number 1, Private *Benson* heard an explosion in the defile north of Binyon Bridge. He then observed that a Korean bus had plunged off the side of the road into a 30-foot wash and was burning fiercely. Leaving his station in charge of a Korean military policeman, he rushed to the scene of the accident and, disregarding the danger to his own life, entered the flaming vehicle to assist in the rescue of passengers trapped in the bus. Despite the intense heat and the fact that many people were jammed under the seats he managed to extricate nine injured and burning people from the blazing wreckage. Private *Benson's* prompt and courageous action prevented serious injury or possible death to victims of the accident and reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

III..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 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 officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *Edward A. C. Amy*, , Royal Canadian Armored Corps, Canadian Army. 6 August 1952 to 31 July 1953.

Chaplain (Captain) *Campbell McKinnon*, , British Army. 10 September 1952 to 10 September 1953.

Warrant Officer Class II *Edward J. Richards*, , Australian Army. 21 December 1951 to 16 September 1952.

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

Corporal *Charles H. Ball*, US , Artillery, United States Army. 18 August to 1 November 1954.

Major *Winton A. J. Carroll*, (then Captain), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 3 February to 19 February 1953.

Major *Clifford E. Cross*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1 June to 1 December 1951.

Captain *James T. Grimes*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 1 April to 31 August 1954.

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

Sergeant *Joe M. Brown*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 21 September 1954.

Sergeant *Harold Gasaway*, , United States Army. 24 September 1954.

Sergeant *Paul J. Hill*, , United States Army. 30 September 1954.

Captain *Wilbur Hobert*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. 31 October 1954.

Sergeant *Eugene V. Jacob*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 21 September 1954.
 Sergeant *Donald L. Kirchmeier*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 21 September 1954.
 Sergeant *Roy Kiser*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 21 September 1954.
 Sergeant *Edward J. Retaskie*, (then Corporal), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 28 July 1954.

V--BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—So much of paragraph 1, section VIII, General Orders No. 53, War Department, 1946, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious services to Doctor Alfred Plizzoni, Italian civilian, as reads "September 1943 to May 1945," is amended to read "September 1943 to November 1944."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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Chief of Staff.

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JOHN A. KLEIN,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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