

AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CONTINENTAL ARMY COMMAND  
Fort Monroe, Virginia 23351

Awards

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 191

23 September 1968

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 WILLIAM D. COFFEY, JR., [REDACTED] Transportation Corps, United States Army. July 1966 to August 1968.

Colonel FRANCIS P. ROBLES, 050105 [REDACTED] Infantry, United States Army. December 1967 to August 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD L. ALLEN, JR. [REDACTED] Infantry, United States Army. December 1965 to August 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES CHRIETZBERG, JR. [REDACTED] Infantry, United States Army. May 1964 to August 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES H. HENDRIX, [REDACTED] Ordnance Corps, United States Army. July 1966 to August 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel MAX F. PACHL, JR., [REDACTED] Ordnance Corps, United States Army. July 1967 to August 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel PHILIP STOAK, [REDACTED] Military Intelligence, United States Army. July 1966 to September 1968.

Colonel JOHN H. JACKSON, [REDACTED] Corps of Engineers, United States Army. March 1964 to September 1968.


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:

Colonel ARTHUR D. SIMONS, 0410287 [REDACTED] Infantry, United States Army. October 1966 to September 1968.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

A. D. SURLS, JR.  
Major General, GS  
Chief of Staff

  
PAUL T. SMITH  
Colonel, AGC  
Adjutant General

*The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 20, 1942, has awarded the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to*

**COLONEL ARTHUR D. SIMONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY**

*for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:*

*Colonel ARTHUR D. SIMONS distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service in positions of great responsibility as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 and as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, North Carolina from October 1966 to September 1968. Throughout this period, his effective supervision of personnel management functions and administrative services resulted in superior accomplishments. Conscientiously aware of the needs of military personnel and their dependents, he directed a concerted effort toward overall improvements to ensure high morale standards. He was instrumental in the acquisition of funds and authorization for the construction of a youth activities building, and his ability to evaluate and coordinate existing requirements was a primary factor in the timely completion of this and other significant projects. In an effort to increase STRAF strength, Colonel SIMONS established a realistic financial program to provide maximum utilization of available resources for units scheduled for deployment. His ingenuity afforded immediate response to troop replacement requirements in Southeast Asia, and his diligent determination materially enhanced unit readiness posture. Colonel SIMONS' distinguished performance of duty throughout this period represents outstanding achievement in the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Headquarters, Eighth United States Army  
APO San Francisco 96301

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 308

8 December 1969

AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT  
(Third Oak Leaf Cluster)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

SIMONS, ARTHUR D 146-24-0254 COLONEL INFANTRY UNITED STATES  
ARMY

Awarded: Legion of Merit (Third Oak Leaf Cluster)

Dates of service: 15 January 1969 to 15 December 1969

Theater: Not applicable

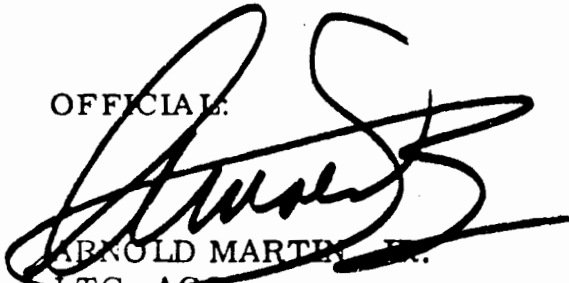
Authority: By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act  
of Congress approved 20 July 1942, Executive Order 10600,  
15 March 1955, and paragraph 5i, AR 672-5-1.

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of  
outstanding services.

Remarks: This award supersedes award of the Meritorious Service Medal  
to Colonel Simons for outstanding meritorious service during  
the period 15 January 1969 to 15 December 1969 as announced in  
General Orders Number 134, Headquarters, I Corps (Group),  
dated 15 October 1969.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



ARNOLD MARTIN, JR.  
LTC, AGC  
Asst AG

WILLIAM W. BEVERLEY  
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APO San Francisco 96243

CENTRAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 1379

19 September 1966

AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT  
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SIMONS, ARTHUR D. 0410287 COL INF USA

Awarded: Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: September 1965 to September 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of  
outstanding services

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the  
Act of Congress, approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order  
10600, 15 March 1955

FOR THE COMMANDER:



W. B. ROSSON  
Major General, USA  
Chief of Staff

E. D. BRYSON  
Colonel, AGC  
Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 1233

23 August 1966

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL

1. TO 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

Awarded: Air Medal

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For meritorious achievement in connection with aerial operations  
against a hostile force

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive  
Order 9158, 11 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A,  
11 September 1942

SINGERS, ARTHUR D. 0410287 CCL INF USA  
Date action: 20 September 1965 to 12 June 1966

HULLINGTON, THOMAS M. [REDACTED] LTC INF USA  
Date action: 8 November 1965 to 3 July 1966

GUSTARD, NORMAN L. 0712116 MAJ ARTY USA  
Date action: 23 October 1965 to 14 July 1966

KENNEDY, EDMUND J. III [REDACTED] MAJ INF USA  
Date action: 7 September 1965 to 28 July 1966

ROBERTS, JAMES D. 0810001 MAJ INF USA  
Date action: 20 August 1965 to 31 July 1966

ALVADJ, GORDON S. 0712116 CPT ARTY USA  
Date action: 23 September 1965 to 19 July 1966

CRON, JOHN S. 0560209 CPT ARMOR USA  
Date action: 10 September 1965 to 7 July 1966

McDANIEL, RICHARD A. [REDACTED] INF USA  
Date action: 12 October 1965 to 28 July 1966

FOURNIER, GERALD E. [REDACTED] CPT INF USA  
Date action: 22 October 1965 to 23 June 1966

SMITH, ROBERT A. [REDACTED] CPT INF USA  
Date action: 22 October 1965 to 1 July 1966

WISN, JAMES E. JR. [REDACTED] ARTY USA  
Date action: 17 November 1965 to 18 July 1966

CHESUP, MICHAEL T. [REDACTED] 35 1LT ARMOR USA  
Date action: 19 November 1965 to 12 April 1966

DECHER, THOMAS P. [REDACTED] 79 MSG E-8 USA  
Date action: 20 September 1965 to 10 August 1966

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Headquarters I Corps (Group)  
APO San Francisco 96358

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 134

15 October 1969

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SIMONS, ARTHUR D. [REDACTED] COL INF  
Date act: 15 Jan 69 to 15 Dec 69

Awd: Meritorious Service Medal  
Eff mo: NA  
Thtr: NA  
Rsn: For outstanding meritorious service  
Auth: By direction of the President of the United States of America,  
authorized by Executive Order 11448, and DA Unclassified Message  
905075, 15 April 1969.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (First Award)

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

FALK, LEE E. Jr. [REDACTED] CPT AR  
Date act: Jan 69 [REDACTED] Nov 69

BATES, REGIS H. [REDACTED] SFC  
Date act: Apr 68 to May 69

GREEN, ONEY H. [REDACTED] SSG  
Date act: Nov 68 to Nov 69

STARKS, ROBERT D. [REDACTED] SSG  
Date act: Jun 68 to Aug 69

PEARSON, MICHAEL L. [REDACTED] 1LT  
Date act: Apr 68 to Aug 69

KRAUSE, LAWRENCE J. [REDACTED] 006 SP4  
Date act: Oct 68 to Nov 69

Awd: Army Commendation Medal  
Eff mo: NA  
Thtr: NA  
Rsn: For meritorious service  
Auth: By dir of the SA UP of AR 672-5-1



16 MAR 1970

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES SOUTHERN COMMAND  
Fort Amador, Canal Zone

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 103

8 October 1965

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

SIMONS, ARTHUR D. 0410287 COL INF USA

Awarded: Legion of Merit

Action date: 15 January 1963 to 22 July 1965

Theater: NA

Reason: For meritorious service while assigned to 8th Special Forces  
Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, Fort Gulick, Canal Zone

Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions  
of AR 672-5-1

HAMMONS, DALE E [REDACTED] MAJ CE USA

Awarded: Legion of Merit

Action date: 22 August 1962 to 26 July 1965

Theater: NA

Reason: For meritorious service while assigned to United States Army  
Inter-American Geodetic Survey, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone

Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions  
of AR 672-5-1

BROWN, CLYDE E [REDACTED] CWO USA

Awarded: Legion of Merit

Action date: 10 September 1962 to 15 July 1965

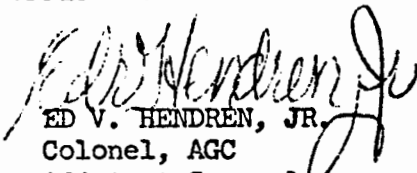
Theater: NA

Reason: For meritorious service while assigned to Headquarters and  
Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 20th  
Infantry, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone

Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions  
of AR 672-5-1

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

  
ED V. HENDREN, JR.  
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APO 152, San Francisco, California

C I T A T I O N

For Award of the  
Army Commendation Medal

To

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur D. Simons, O410287, Infantry  
For

Meritorious Service 17 October 1961 to 4 June 1962

The Commendation Medal is awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Arthur D. Simons for exceptionally meritorious service from 17 October 1961 to 7 June 1962. As Commander of Special Forces elements in MAAG Laos, who perform the bulk of the unit training effort for MAAG, he contributed materially to the advisory and training functions designed for the improvement of the Armed Forces of Laos. As Special Project Officer working with tribal groups in Laos, he exhibited exceptional organizational and professional ability in the supervision of a mission which is vitally important to the security of the country. His boundless energy and mature judgment enabled him to weld an effective organization from many diverse groups. Colonel Simons' service in these two important and demanding assignments has been performed in an outstanding manner, and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.



CITATION  
FOR THE LEGION OF MERIT

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 20, 1942, has awarded the Legion of Merit to

**COLONEL ARTHUR D. SIMONS, UNITED STATES ARMY**

for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:

Colonel Arthur D. Simons, Infantry, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service while serving as Commanding Officer, 8th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, Fort Gulick, Canal Zone from 15 January 1963 to 22 July 1965. Colonel Simons, charged with the responsibility for training, preparation and deployment of Mobile Training Teams to Latin America as part of the US Army Military Assistance Program, provided US Army Southern Command with an extremely effective and highly successful instrument capable of pursuing US national interests throughout the Western hemisphere. During the tenure of Colonel Simons' Command, the 8th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Special Action Force underwent two reorganizations involving a total strength increase of 300%. Colonel Simons devised and implemented an extensive training program designed to qualify replacements linguistically and professionally to perform duties as advisors and instructors in the fields of civic action and counterinsurgency operations. The outstanding success achieved by each of the 176 Mobile Training Teams and the laudatory commendations of high officials of the host South American countries testify to the effectiveness of all aspects of the training programs. In addition to his support of the Military Assistance Program, Colonel Simons continually exercised and trained his command for accomplishment of its mission and those missions assigned in the contingency plans of US Army Southern Command. The readiness posture of the 8th Special Forces Group to meet its commitments was demonstrated by the rapid and highly effective deployment of that unit during the Panama civil disturbances of January 1964. Colonel Simons' outstanding ability as a Major Unit Commander and his total devotion to duty have resulted in the establishment of his organization as a well trained, reliable and extremely effective asset to the military establishment and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

AGPB-AB-Simons, Arthur D.  
SSAN [REDACTED] (26 Nov 70)

SUBJECT: Distinguished Service Cross

19 APR 1971

Commanding General  
XXVIII Airborne Corps  
ATTN: AG Pers Action Team #1 (Mrs Wise)  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28307

Forwarded are certificate and citation for Distinguished Service Cross awarded to Colonel Arthur D. Simons, Infantry, United States Army, on 26 November 1970. Award will be announced in DA General Orders in the near future.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*David D. [Signature]*  
Adjutant General

2 Incl  
as

*Julie Lewis 201 file*

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 25, 1963, has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to

**COLONEL ARTHUR D. SIMONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY**

for extraordinary heroism in action:

Colonel Arthur D. Simons, Infantry, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism while commanding the ground element of a Joint United States Task Force on an operation deep in North Vietnam on 21 November 1970. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Colonel Simons voluntarily participated as a member of a Joint Task Force with the humanitarian mission of rescuing United States military personnel held as prisoners of war at the Son Tay Prison Compound approximately twenty nautical miles from Hanoi, the capital of North Vietnam. In an outstanding display of leadership and personal courage, Colonel Simons led the helo-borne force in the rescue effort. On the ground, the search and rescue element was immediately taken under automatic weapons fire by the enemy. While directing and supervising the operation, Colonel Simons continually exposed himself to enemy fire, and on one occasion, personally took under fire enemy personnel in close proximity to his position. The success of the operation was the direct result of Colonel Simons' calm and competent leadership in an extremely hazardous situation. His professional conduct instilled confidence in his men and resulted in an outstanding operation. Colonel Simons' extraordinary heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit on him and the United States Army.

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANT COMMAND, VIETNAM  
APO San Francisco 96243

CENTRAL OFFICES  
SERIAL 1379

19 September 1966

AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT  
(FIRST CAR LEAF CLUSTER)

✓ 1. TC 320: The following AWARD is announced.

SIMONS, ARTHUR D. 0410287 COL INF USA

Awarded: Legion of Merit (First Car Leaf Cluster)

Date action: September 1965 to September 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955

FOR THE COMMANDER:



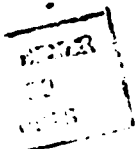
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The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 20, 1942, has awarded the Legion of Merit (Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster) to

COLONEL ARTHUR D. SIMONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY

for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:

Colonel ARTHUR D. SIMONS distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility as Assistant Chief of Staff, G4, Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from January 1970 to July 1971. Colonel SIMONS' performance of duty was characterized by extreme devotion to duty, dynamic leadership, and exceptional professionalism. His establishment of logistical concepts and procedures for the support of contingency and civil disturbance plans and field exercises evidenced his outstanding contribution to the accomplishment of the XVIII Airborne Corps mission. His vast knowledge as a tactician and logistician and expert guidance ensured the ultimate in support of tactical units and enhanced the readiness posture of Fort Bragg units. His unique talent for clearly translating command policies into active projects has continued to demonstrate his personal standards of absolute dependability and objectivity. Colonel SIMONS' distinguished performance of duty throughout his military career represents outstanding achievement in the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

AGPB-AB Simons, Arthur D.  
SSAW [REDACTED] (26 Nov 70)

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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as

  
Adjutant General

File -  
Officer Pers Records [REDACTED]  
Pers Rec Div TAGO

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials \_\_\_\_\_

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MINISTER OF WAR, CONCURRENTLY SECRETARY  
OF DEFENSE

- Considering the Provisional Constitution, dated 19 June 1965, supplemented by Decision # 6-QLVNCH/QD, dated 6 June 1966, of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Council;
- Considering Decision # 3-QLVNCH/QD, dated 14 June 1965, and additional documents prescribing the composition of the National Directory;
- Considering Decree # 01-a/CT/LDQG/SL, dated 19 June 1965, amended and supplemented by subsequent documents prescribing the composition of the Central Executive Committee;
- Considering Decree # 171/SL/CT, dated 5 June 1964, creating the "Army Distinguished Service Order";
- Considering Decree # 205/CT/LDQG/SL, dated 2 December 1965, prescribing the organizational system of the Ministry of Defense and the RVNAF;

I) FORMER THAT:

ARTICLE 1: This awards the ARMY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER, second class, to:

- Colonel ARTHUR D. SIMONS - 0410257 - Advisor to the Liaison Office, Joint General Staff.

"An outstanding Advisory Officer exhibiting a high spirit of devotion who enthusiastically assisted the Liaison Office during all dangerous missions and effectively guided Activity Teams in technical and specialized aspects.

Colonel SIMONS particularly distinguished himself by his meritorious achievements during reconnaissance missions performed as part of the "SHINING BOMBS" Operations from the beginning of the fourth quarter of 1965 to the end of the second quarter of 1966. As a result, many glorious victories were realized by the Republic of Viet Nam Armed Forces, and, because of these operations, the enemy was met with ominous circumstances which created confusion in his mind, knowing that he could no longer rely on seemingly safe areas."

ARTICLE 2: The Chief of the Joint General Staff, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, is charged with the execution of this Decree.

Saigon, 19 July 1966

Lieutenant General NGUYEN HUU CO  
(Signed and sealed)

I certify that this is a true translation.

*George W. Reiger*  
GEORGE W. REIGER  
1TJG USNR  
Chief, MACAG Translation Division

ALUMBY

Capt

Inf

6th Army APO 442	Order Number General 1	Date of Order 1 Jan 1945	Revised	Ascended	Corrected Copy

Type of Award

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Present Status if Living

Citation

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on New Islands, New Islands from 27 October to 2 November 1944. On the night of 27 October Captain Simons took his force on a 16-hour boat trip to New Island in native craft. A moon was encountered which sank a craft but all men were saved. During the night of 2 November he led his men up a cliff and along a treacherous ridge to the objective, and enemy-held lighthouse, strongly fortified. His exemplary daring inspired the men and gave them courage to carry out their mission in the face of heavy enemy fire. He prevented unnecessary losses he had charges placed on the lighthouse, blew it up, and killed all of the occupants. Captain Simons' cool, well-planned and aggressive action made this mission a complete success with the loss of only one man.

THE VETERANS OF THE GREAT WAR  
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THE VETERANS OF THE GREAT WAR

OFFICE, DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BRANCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

RECORD OF AWARD OF DECORATION

OFFICER'S BRANCH

Name — First Name — Middle Initial <b>SIMONS, ALBERT D</b>		Serial Number <b>0410267</b>		Grade <b>(From Capt.) Maj.</b>		Organization <b>Inf</b>	
Department Issuing Orders <b>6th Army</b>		Order Number General <b>247</b>		Date of Order <b>11 Nov 45</b>		Revised	
Type of Award <b>SILVER STAR</b>		Posthumous <b>NO</b>		Oak Leaf Clusters <b>NO</b>		Revoked	
						Amended	
						Corrected Copy	
						O. L. C. Number	

ment Status If Living

Citation

October

For gallantry in action on Leyte and Ison, Philippines Islands, from 17 ~~December~~ 1944 to 1 July 1945. As a company commander in the Binger Battalion, Major Simons landed on Mambuan Island three days prior to the main attack in Leyte, leading vigorous reconnaissance patrols and secured the island for our forces. On 1 November 1944, he led his company across twelve miles of open sea, moving by native bancas at night to attack the enemy forces located on Baluan Island. In spite of high seas and adverse weather conditions the entire company was landed safely through the constant supervision and initiative of this officer. The next night he personally headed an assault on the strongly fortified lighthouse. In this action he was the first man to scale the four hundred foot cliff and was engaged by the enemy in rifle fire. On 15 January 1945, he again led a small task force to Santiago Island, Ison. Although this island was reported to be in the control of a superior number of the enemy, he fearlessly led a night reconnaissance landing by rubber boats from a Navy P. T. Boat and returned with sufficient information to allow the main body to land. During May 1945 he led patrols throughout the Dingsalan Bay Area over torturous trails and through enemy territory. These patrols contacted enemy evacuating from Infanta and succeeded in closing the northern escape route from the enemy stronghold. Major Simons' courageous actions without regard for his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>SIDGERS ARTHUR D</b>		Serial Number <b>0 410 287</b>	Grade <b>MAJ</b>	Organization <b>INF</b>			
Quarters Issuing Orders <b>6TH RANGER INF BN APO 660</b>		Order Number General <b>29</b> Special	Date of Orders <b>25 Oct 45</b>		Rescinded	Revoked	Amended
Type of Award <b>PURPLE HEART</b>		Oak Leaf Clusters			O, L, C. Number		

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Remarks:

SIMONS		ARTHUR		D	0 410 287			
Headquarters Issuing Orders			Order Number		Date of Orders		Rescinded	Struck out
6th RANGER INF BN			General	Special				
			7					

Type of Badge (Strike out one)

COMBAT  
~~EXPERT~~      INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Remarks:

Capt. 9 Dec 44

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE. DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BRANCH. WASHINGTON, D. C.  
RECORD OF AWARD OF INFANTRYMAN BADGE

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**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

is awarded to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR B. SIMONS, O 410 267, Infantry

For outstanding performance of duty as Information Officer, Headquarters XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from 5 July 1957 to 15 October 1958. Without prior experience or training in the military phases of information, Lieutenant Colonel Simons, through his determination, professional knowledge and devotion to duty, was responsible for the timely dissemination of news to the press, radio and television. Lieutenant Colonel Simons, by diplomatic and tactful handling of problems encountered, developed a close coordination and pleasant operational relationship with civic organizations and centers. By his anticipation and keen analysis of problems, sound judgment and untiring efforts, he has materially contributed to the public understanding of the efforts of this command. The outstanding manner in which Lieutenant Colonel Simons performed his duties reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Given under my hand this 23D day of OCTOBER, 1958 at Headquarters XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

L. F. BINK  
MAJOR GENERAL, USA  
Commanding