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I..BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Effective 2 October 1951, section II, DA General Orders 84, 1950, is rescinded.

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II..DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION.—As authorized by Executive Order 9308 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), citation of the following unit in the general orders indicated is confirmed in accordance with AR 260-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The 3d Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (2d award), and the following attached units:

1st and 2d Platoons, Battery B, 21st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP);

3d Platoon, Company C, 89th Medium Tank Battalion;

are cited for outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in spearheading an amphibious assault across the Han River in Korea on 7 March 1951. Following an intense artillery bombardment by friendly forces on the enemy positions on the other side of the river, the leading elements crossed the river in assault boats and moved rapidly and aggressively toward their assigned objectives. These leading elements were forced to cross an exposed beachhead of 700 yards completely devoid of any natural cover, which was under a devastating barrage of artillery, mortar, machine-gun, and small-arms fire from a well-entrenched and determined enemy estimated at regimental strength. The friendly troops pressed the attack with such zeal and unrelenting fury that the enemy, after suffering heavy casualties, fled in panic and disorder, abandoning large quantities of equipment, weapons, and ammunition. Possessed of a high degree of spirit and audacity from this recent victory, the 3d Battalion and attached units moved on to the next objectives. The enemy positions were now more formidably and fanatically defended, but the hostile forces, unwillingly and stubbornly, were forced to give ground under the tremendous onslaught of the 3d Battalion and attached units. Finally, with resolute persistence and courageous demeanor, the friendly troops succeeded in battering the hostile regiment until it could no longer muster an attack and was considered neutralized. The 3d Battalion and attached units, by their heroic deeds, breached the Han River line and opened an avenue for further pursuit of the enemy to the north. The 3d Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, and attached units displayed such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing their missions under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set them apart and above other units participating in the campaign. The heroism, audacity, and courage exhibited by the members of these units in denying to the enemy a vital strategic vantage area reflect great credit on themselves, their organizations, and the military service of the United States. (General Orders 696, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 15 September 1951.)

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III. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.—By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 260-15, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated. The citation reads as follows:

The *570th Engineer Water Supply Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 15 July 1950 to 15 January 1951. Throughout this period, the company purified and distributed over 20,000,000 gallons of potable water to troops of the Eighth United States Army and its attached units. In addition to this superior performance of its normal primary mission, the company was called upon to perform engineering tasks which were far above and beyond the normal scope of operations for this type of unit. In this capacity, the company conducted engineer reconnaissance, maintained and improved roads, repaired and constructed bridges, and prepared defensive positions. The company completed all assigned tasks expeditiously and with a distinct and exceptional degree of workmanship. The *570th Engineer Water Supply Company* displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The diligence, cooperation, resourcefulness, and ingenuous use of available matériel by members of this organization reflect great credit on themselves, the Corps of Engineers, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 466, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 28 June 1951.*)

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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