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I. DESIGNATION OF ARMED FORCES EXAMINING STATIONS.—Effective 1 November 1951, in addition to Armed Forces examining stations established by section II, DA General Orders 75, 1951, and section I, DA General Orders 82, 1951, the following Armed Forces examining stations are established as elements of recruiting main stations at the locations listed below, to begin operations on 1 November 1951. Unless otherwise indicated, Armed Forces examining stations are located at United States Army and United States Air Force recruiting main stations.

First Army Area Bangor, Maine

Second Army Area

Ashland, Kentucky (United States Navy)

Third Army Area Miami, Florida

Fifth Army Area Sioux Falls, South Dakota

> Sixth Army Area Boise, Idaho

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II\_DISCONTINUANCE OF ARMED FORCES EXAMINING STATION.—1. Effective 1 November 1951, the Armed Forces examining station formerly designated an element of the United States Navy recruiting main station at Huntington, West Virginia, is discontinued.

2. Section I, DA General Orders 82, 1951, is amended accordingly.

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III. DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION.—1. As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (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 Belgian Battalion and the Luxembourg Corps of Volunteers for Korea (Detachment), United Nations Forces in Korea, are cited for outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on the Imjin River line near Hantangang, Korea, during the period 20 to 26 April 1951. The Belgian Battalion and the Luxembourg Detachment, in the course of their aggressive, courageous action against the Chinese Communists, inflicted more than 30 times their number in enemy killed or wounded. During this period, vast numbers of enemy troops, supported by machine-gun, mortar, and artillery

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fire, repeatedly conducted maniacal assaults against the positions of the Belgian Battalion and the Luxembourg Detachment, but the valiant, friendly forces continually repulsed these fanatical drives and inflicted tremendous casualties on the hostile troops. When the Chinese Communists succeeded in gaining positions which threatened the main supply route of friendly forces, the gallant troops fixed bayonets and launched a series of daring counterattacks. The hostile forces, surprised by the boldness of these attacks, became disorganized and fled in disorder. Upon receiving orders from higher headquarters, the Belgian Battalion and the Luxembourg Detachment finally withdrew, evacuated their wounded, were resupplied, and then volunteered to be committed to action once again. After returning to the front, hordes of enemy troops and cavalry were observed moving southward. When the hostile forces had moved into close range, the friendly forces delivered a withering barrage of mortar fire with such devastating effect that the area was littered with enemy dead. As the Chinese Communists continued to move overwhelming numbers of troops southward, the dauntless, friendly forces fought successful delaying actions which allowed orderly withdrawals of adjacent friendly units with minimum loss of men and equipment. The Belgian Battalion and the Luxembourg Detachment 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 action. The extraordinary heroism displayed by the members of the Belgian Battalion and the Luxembourg Corps of Volunteers for Korea (Detachment), United Nations Forces in Korea, throughout this period reflects great credit on themselves and their homelands. (General Orders 682, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 6 September 1951.)

2. Section V. DA General Orders 86, 1951, pertaining to the Belgian Battalion, United Nations Forces in Korea, is rescinded.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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