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I. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.—By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 220-315, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated. The citations read as follows:

1. The *2d Replacement Company, 2d Infantry Division*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 8 August 1950 to 27 May 1952. Despite its remoteness from rail transportation during most of the period, this company performed services of incalculable value in maintaining a steady flow of replacements to combat elements of the division, using organic and transient vehicles. The necessity of adapting its operations to the tactical situation repeatedly tested the ingenuity and the endurance of the men of the company, who consistently responded in a praiseworthy manner. During this period, the *2d Replacement Company, 2d Infantry Division*, processed and dispatched to their assignments 27,010 replacements. Despite the immensity of this task, it was performed with exceptional efficiency. While operating with extraordinary swiftness, the personnel of this company performed their mission without ever sacrificing the principle of adapting the individual capabilities of replacements to the needs of the division. Although beset by serious shortages of equipment, the men of the company worked tirelessly, displaying at all times the spirit of teamwork that enabled them to achieve success. The *2d Replacement Company, 2d Infantry Division*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and zeal in the performance of extremely difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The outstanding ability and tireless effort exhibited by the personnel of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 397, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 25 July 1952.*)

2. The *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 4th Chemical Smoke Generator Battalion*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 January to 31 July 1952. This small detachment successfully overcame tremendous obstacles to carry out difficult missions normally requiring the services of a full headquarters company. Because of the involved tactical situation, the battalion was divided into separate units which were located at diversified points. As a result of the widespread area over which the battalion operated, the detachment was faced with seemingly insurmountable administrative problems. Undaunted by the complexity of the situation, the members of this detachment performed their duties with the utmost enthusiasm and resourcefulness, earning for themselves a reputation for unwavering efficiency worthy of the closest emulation. The *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 4th Chemical Smoke Generator Battalion*, displayed such laudable effectiveness in accomplishing its mission under the most adverse conditions as to set it apart from and above other units having similar missions. The exceptional administrative skill, assiduity, and tireless devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United

States. (*General Orders 503, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 30 August 1952.*)

3. The *21st Transportation Car Company* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 February 1951 to 30 April 1952. Responsible for providing all vehicular passenger transportation for both the main and advance headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, this company consistently carried out its duties in a manner which earned for its members the highest praise from all those having knowledge of their fine work. With the establishment of the Munsan-ni Base Camp, United Nations Command Advance, the *21st Transportation Car Company*, in addition to its other duties, was selected to meet all transportation requirements of the camp, and again demonstrated its dependability by carrying out its newly assigned task in an exemplary manner. Often operating where facilities for the proper maintenance and repair of motor vehicles were either inadequate or completely lacking, the company showed admirable ingenuity and resourcefulness in improvising workable parts and equipment from makeshift, indigenous materials. As a result of its efforts, all transportation needs of the organizations which it served were met with efficiency and promptness, a factor which materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. The *21st Transportation Car Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units having a similar mission. The singleness of purpose, esprit de corps, and outstanding ability displayed by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 503, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 30 August 1952.*)

4. The *49th Transportation Truck Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 25 January 1951 to 31 July 1952. Charged with the mission of furnishing tactical and logistical support to three United States Army corps engaged in active conflict with the enemy, the members of this company, through their outstanding technical skill and high standard of efficiency, consistently performed their exacting tasks in a manner which elicited the highest praise from all those cognizant of their fine work. Operating under adverse weather conditions and over hazardous terrain, the *49th Transportation Truck Company* overcame seemingly insurmountable obstacles to transport over one-half million cargo tons and nearly one hundred thousand troops to locations where they were critically needed. In February 1951, the company was used as a tactical decoy in a movement designed to deceive the enemy by causing them to believe that large numbers of additional friendly forces were being brought into battle. The successful execution of this intricate maneuver materially aided the progress of the United Nations offensive. The *49th Transportation Truck Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The singleness of purpose, ingenious utilization of existing facilities, and esprit de corps exhibited by the personnel of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 546, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 15 September 1952.*)

5. The *62d Engineer Topographic Company (Corps)* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 21 February to 31 August 1952. Charged with creating and reproducing mosaics, photographs, multicolor maps, and similar essential items, this company consistently performed its difficult mission in an exemplary manner. Displaying outstanding technical ability and a high standard of excellence, its members successfully completed over 600 high priority projects and made over 4 million lithographic impressions. The survey platoon of the company performed services of incalculable value by surveying the Armistice Conference site at Panmunjom, the Inchon Harbor navigation channel, and other areas of great strategic importance. The company's precision equipment was kept in excellent operating condition at all times despite constant use, a shortage of spare parts, and a lack of adequate repair facilities. The *62d Engineer Topographic Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The unwavering determination of purpose, esprit de corps, and matchless confidence when faced by difficult problems displayed by the members of this company materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea and reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 595, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 October 1952.*)

6. The *68th Chemical Smoke Generator Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 January to 30 June 1952. Responsible for providing passive air defense for the port of Pusan and surrounding installations, this company carried out its mission in a superior manner while simultaneously providing direct support for front-line combat units. Displaying ingenuity, outstanding ability, and constant determination of purpose, its members successfully accomplished missions normally performed by units of more than twice the company's size. The technical skill and high standard of efficiency displayed by this company earned it the respect and admiration of all those having knowledge of its fine work and materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. The *68th Chemical Smoke Generator Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units having similar missions. The dependability, esprit de corps, and skilled and enthusiastic approach to seemingly insolvable problems displayed by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 546, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 15 September 1952.*)

7. The *74th Engineer Combat Battalion* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 December 1951 to 30 June 1952. Constantly operating under strength, this battalion carried out a variety of difficult assignments, the successful completion of which materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. Working over rugged, mountainous terrain under extremely adverse weather conditions, the battalion constructed, maintained, and repaired many miles of essential supply routes leading to the most forward installations. Simultaneously its members expeditiously completed many additional projects, including the construction of 7 semipermanent bridges and more than 300 culverts. Although it experienced a 80 percent turnover in personnel,

the battalion was able to maintain its enviable high standard of efficiency by establishing a continuous and thorough on-the-job training program. As a result of the diligence, unusual technical skill, and ability to overcome formidable obstacles which characterized the service of this battalion, highway transportation facilities were greatly expanded and front-line United Nations combat groups were able to receive maximum logistical support. The *74th Engineer Combat Battalion* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The vigorous determination, self-assurance, and outstanding engineering ability displayed by the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 657, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 29 October 1952.*)

8. The *92d Chemical Service Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 January to 30 June 1952. Responsible for the operation of a chemical depot, complete with maintenance section, depot section, and field laboratory in direct support of I Corps and units in the Seoul area, the members of this company consistently carried out their multifarious duties in a manner which elicited the highest possible praise from all those cognizant of their fine work. In addition, subsequent developments necessitated the establishment of numerous branch depots, which were operated with the same high standard of efficiency that had become the trade-mark of the parent unit. Through the diligent application of their wide variety of skills and their constant and uncompromising devotion to duty, the members of this company were able to solve problems seeming to offer no solution. Despite the unprecedented magnitude of this company's task, which eventually included the supply of all class II, IV, and V chemical supplies to the entire Korean front, each mission was met by its personnel with the utmost enthusiasm and resourcefulness and carried out with a promptness and precision that earned them a reputation for unvarying excellence, which is worthy of the closest emulation in all future campaigns. The *92d Chemical Service Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with a similar mission. The outstanding technical skill, ingenious utilization of available facilities, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 397, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 25 July 1952.*)

9. The *401st Chemical Technical Service Intelligence Detachment* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 22 March to 27 September 1952. By interrogating prisoners of war, studying captured material, and translating captured documents, this detachment collected vital intelligence information pertaining to chemical, biological, and radiological warfare. Through the skilled evaluation and collation of technical evidence, its members obtained and disseminated valuable information pertaining to the enemy's training, equipment, and capabilities for defense and offense. Although it was already operating over an area much larger than that expected of a unit of its size, the detachment assisted in training United Nations personnel in chemical, biological, and radiological defense while carrying out its normal duties in a superior manner. Displaying determination, outstanding technical skill, and a willingness

to assume additional responsibilities, the members of this detachment earned the respect and admiration of all those having knowledge of their work and materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. The *401st Chemical Technical Service Intelligence Detachment* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The outstanding ability, esprit de corps, and constant resourcefulness exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 585, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 October 1952.*)

10. The *430th Engineer Construction Battalion* (second award) is cited for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 15 January to 15 July 1952. Charged first with reconstructing and maintaining the highway supply routes for the X United States Army Corps and its attached units, the battalion accomplished this mission in an exemplary manner despite exceedingly adverse weather conditions and a severe loss of key personnel. Working in subzero temperatures, its members constructed bridges at key points and widened and improved miles of roadway, thereby greatly increasing the combat efficiency of the units supported by the battalion. Later, this battalion was assigned the mission of erecting, rebuilding, and strengthening prisoner of war compounds and inclosures. Again displaying exceptional technical skill and exploiting every facility at their command, the members of this battalion allowed no obstacles to stand in the way of the successful accomplishment of their mission. The outstanding engineering ability, matchless confidence when faced by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and determination of purpose shown by this battalion earned it the deep respect and admiration of the units which it served and materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. The *430th Engineer Construction Battalion* consistently displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The ingenuity, esprit de corps, and high standard of excellence exhibited by the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 512, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 September 1952.*)

11. The *521st Signal Base Depot Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 January to 31 July 1952. Responsible for providing logistical signal support for United Nations forces in Korea, this company consistently carried out its difficult assignment in an outstanding manner. By completely modifying existing supply procedures to conform to the increasing requirements of front-line units, the company was able to more than double the speed with which it resupplied the organizations that it served. In a period of great expansion, the company relocated tens of thousands of pieces of signal equipment while simultaneously performing its normal duties with undiminished efficiency. In addition, the company provided invaluable services to the Republic of Korea Army by determining the signal requirements of newly activated units and aiding in the establishment of an effective signal supply system. The technical skill and tireless efforts of the members of this company insured a continued flow of essential communications material to front-line units

and significantly furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. The *521st Signal Base Depot Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The outstanding ability, esprit de corps, and constant determination of purpose displayed by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 657, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 29 October 1952.*)

12. The *Signal Service Battalion (VHF), 8189th Army Unit*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 June 1951 to 31 May 1952. Charged with providing radiotelephone communications between Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, and major subordinate commands, this battalion consistently carried out its unprecedented duties in an exemplary manner. Because the battalion could accomplish its mission with maximum effectiveness only by locating its stations on the highest land features available, its members established and operated relay stations on the top of almost inaccessible mountains, even though this required hand carrying all equipment and supplies to each location. As the only unit of its kind, this battalion established new precedents and, by ingeniously increasing the scope and range of its equipment, greatly changed the concept of very high frequency communications. In addition, although already operating understrength, it supervised the installation of operation of the very high frequency communications system of the Republic of Korea Army, which has proved highly effective. As a result of the initiative, outstanding technical skill, and high standard of excellence displayed by the *Signal Service Battalion (VHF), 8189th Army Unit*, a superior communications system was maintained and valuable knowledge pertaining to the potentialities of very high frequency radiotelephone communications was obtained. The resourcefulness, esprit de corps, and unstinting devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this battalion materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea and reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 512, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 September 1952.*)

II. DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION.—1. Paragraph 3, section I, DA General Orders 49, 1951, pertaining to the 35th Infantry Regiment (less Heavy Tank Company), 25th Infantry Division, and attached units is amended to include the 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment; and so much as reads "35th Infantry Regiment (less Heavy Tank Company), 25th Infantry Division," is amended to read "35th Infantry Regiment (less 3d Battalion and Heavy Tank Company), 25th Infantry Division."

2. Paragraph 2, section II, DA General Orders 88, 1952, pertaining to the 3d Platoon, Heavy Mortar Company, 7th Infantry Division, is rescinded.

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