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**PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY).**—The following award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) is confirmed in accordance with AR 220-315:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Citation</i>
2d Engineer Special Brigade (following elements only):	<b>PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY)</b> awarded, in the name of the President of the United States, by the Secretary of the Navy. The citation reads as follows:
Headquarters and Headquarters Company	For extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea from 15 September to 11 October 1950. In the face of a determined enemy and against almost insurmountable obstacles, including disadvantageous tidal and beach conditions on the Western Coast of Korea, the FIRST Marine Division, Reinforced, rapidly and successfully effected the amphibious seizure of Inch'on in an operation without parallel in the history of amphibious warfare. Fully aware that the precarious situation of friendly ground troops fighting desperately against the continued heavy pressure of a numerically superior hostile force necessitated the planning and execution of this extremely hazardous operation within a period of less than thirty days, and cognizant of the military importance of its assigned target, the Division moved quickly into action and, on 15 September, by executing three well-coordinated attacks over highly treacherous beach approaches defended by resolute enemy troops, captured the island of Wolmi-do, the city of Inch'on and Kimp'o Airfield, and rendered invaluable assistance in the capture of Seoul. As a result of its aggressive attack, the Division drove the hostile forces in hasty retreat over thirty miles in the ensuing ten days, completely severed vital hostile communication and supply lines and greatly relieved enemy pressure on other friendly ground units, thereby permitting these units to break out from their Pusan beachhead and
Quartermaster Headquarters and Headquarters Company	
Medical Detachment	
162d Ordnance Maintenance Company	
287th Signal Company	
532d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment:	
Headquarters and Headquarters Company	
Boat Battalion, Company B	
Shore Battalion, Companies D and E	
562d Engineer Boat Maintenance Battalion, Company A	
4th Signal Battalion, Detachment	
32d Regimental Combat Team	
50th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion	
50th Engineer Port Construction Company	
56th Amphibious Tank and Tractor Battalion, Company A, Reinforced	
65th Ordnance Ammunition Company	
73d Engineer Combat Battalion	
96th Field Artillery Battalion	
163d Military Intelligence Service Detachment	
187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, 3d Battalion	
205th Signal Repair Company, Detachment	
441st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment	
Special Operations Company	

contributing materially to the total destruction of hostile ground forces in southern Korea. The havoc and destruction wrought on an enemy flushed with previous victories and the vast accomplishments in turning the tide of battle from a weakening defensive to a vigorous offensive action reflect the highest credit upon the officers and men of the FIRST Marine Division, Reinforced, and the United States Naval Service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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