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REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.—The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation which was awarded by the Republic of Korea to the following unit of the United States Army is confirmed in accordance with AR 220-315:

24th Engineer Construction Group,
United States Army

25 **REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION** awarded by citation dated 24 June 1952, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for outstanding and superior performance of duty during the period 7 January 1951 to 24 June 1952, inclusive, with citation as follows:

The 24th Engineer Construction Group, Eighth United States Army, Korea, has established an enviable record of achievement. The restoration and subsequent development of the battered City of Seoul is being made possible largely due to the engineers' many contributions. The approaches to Seoul from most directions are over highways and bridges built by the 24th Engineer Construction Group. Over one hundred and fifty bridges, some 100 of which are of permanent construction, have been completed. Each of the permanent bridges constructed is wider, stronger, and more durable than the bridge it replaced.

Another major project undertaken and successfully completed by the 24th Group was the rehabilitation of the railway linking Seoul with Chunchon. This vital railroad was placed into service in less than a month and completely rebuilt in four months, thereby increasing the military and economic value of this important line.

The 24th Group shrewdly realized from the very start of its operations in Korea that a great many tasks could be best performed by combining the vast work potential of the citizen population with the troops' effort. Thus, within a very short time after its arrival in Korea, many thousands of Korean laborers were working on military road projects under the supervision of the 24th Engineer Construction Group. Despite linguistic barriers, a remarkable record of cooperation and international achievement has been established. Also, aside from its many and varied engineering feats, the 24th Group has shown its good-will and fraternity by donating food and clothing to the one hundred and five orphaned children of the Choong Hyeun Home. Their humane-ness, and their many successes reflect the highest credit upon the members of the 24th Engineer Construction Group, the United States Army, and the forces of the United Nations.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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Chief of Staff, United States Army

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