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**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 *5d Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment* is cited for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea from 1 June 1952 to 27 July 1953. Charged with the investigation of criminal offenses committed by or against United Nations' personnel or involving United States Government property at the military port of Pusan and adjacent units and areas, members of the detachment displayed commendable determination and resourcefulness in accomplishing a highly sensitive mission. The detachment played a prominent role in conducting investigations of larcenies involving military supplies, security, and critical parts items, through their technical skill, superior investigative techniques, and close liaison with Korean governmental and law enforcement agencies, offenders were apprehended and vital materiel recovered and returned to proper supply channels. The exemplary contributions of the *5d Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment* furthered the United Nations' campaign for world peace, reflect great credit on its members individually and collectively, and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 248, United States Army Forces, Far East, 15 September 1953.*)

2. The *4th Ordnance Battalion (Maintenance and Supply)* and the following attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company* (second award);
- 2d Ordnance Company (Direct Support)* (first award);
- 5th Ordnance Company (Direct Support)* (first award);
- 17th Ordnance Company (Direct Support)* (third award);
- 21st Ordnance Company (Direct Support)* (second award);
- 107th Ordnance Company (Direct Support)* (first award);
- 538th Ordnance Company (Direct Support)* (second award);
- 44th Ordnance Depot Company* (second award),

are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 January to 1 July 1953. Charged with the mission of providing direct ordnance maintenance and supply services for nondivisional units of two United States corps, the battalion consistently performed its assignment in a highly commendable manner. In addition, the battalion provided back-up support to five United States divisions, constituting a workload far in excess of that normally required of a unit of its size. The battalion initiated and perfected a lateral supply system by which parts were made available in conjunction with 1-day automotive maintenance and repair to all divisions and Ordnance Corps units in the corps areas. Without this system it would have been impossible to maintain a zero backlog which was held constantly by all ordnance companies in the corps areas for 150 consecutive days. The *4th Ordnance Battalion (Maintenance and Supply)* and attached units displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set them apart from and above other units with similar missions. The initiative, loyalty, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this battalion and attached units reflect great credit on

themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 810, Eighth United States Army, 2 September 1953.*)

3. The *6th Transportation Company (helicopter) (Army) (tentative)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 5 January to 27 July 1953. The company was assigned the mission of providing logistical support to Eighth Army units and for medical evacuation by cargo helicopters. Motivated by a strong sense of loyalty and aggressiveness, the members of this company logged over 4,000 hours of aircraft flying time in cargo helicopters and hauled over 5 million pounds of supplies, in addition to carrying 5,000 personnel and evacuating 1,400 sick and wounded. Despite many obstacles and having no precedent upon which to base actions, the company maintained a superior record which greatly contributed to the overall effectiveness of Eighth Army and provided invaluable data concerning future helicopter operations. The *6th Transportation Company (Helicopter) (Army) (Tentative)* 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 loyalty, diligence, 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 825, Eighth United States Army, 8 September 1953.*)

4. The *7th Medical Battalion* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 31 July 1952 to 30 June 1953. Although understrength in personnel and forced to use outmoded equipment in many instances, the battalion rendered superior medical support to the combat and service units of a division in combat. Casualties were evacuated from forward areas to the clearing company for treatment and for preparation in case further evacuation was necessary. The battalion initiated the procedure of performing surgical operations and secondary closures on a battalion level, thereby greatly reducing the loss of man-hours and increasing the number of troops returned to duty. This procedure also gave rear surgical hospitals more time to treat the critically wounded. In addition, the battalion was responsible for supplying medical supplies to lower echelon units during sustained operations. The *7th Medical 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 resourcefulness, initiative, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 824, Eighth United States Army, 8 September 1953.*)

5. The *21st Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment* (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 June 1952 to 30 June 1953. While performing its mission of investigation and prevention of crime within the Eighth United States Army zone of responsibility and later within the Korean Communications Zone, this unit conducted many investigations in a manner which elicited the highest praise from all those cognizant of its work. The high degree of personal effectiveness maintained by each member of this detachment, often under the most adverse conditions, is unsurpassed and worthy of the closest emulation in future campaigns. The personnel of this unit provided installation commanders within their zone of

jurisdiction with crime prevention programs that included lectures, security surveys of installations, and elimination of black market and narcotic sources. It brought to a successful conclusion a complex investigation concerning counterfeiting of military payment certificates, which resulted in the apprehension of the counterfeiters, seizure of all counterfeiting equipment, and recovery of thousands of dollars in counterfeit currency. The detachment provided an effective program in narcotic suppression by continuous surveillance of narcotic cells, thereby greatly reducing the source of supply within the area of operations. It provided the command with valuable statistics on illegal use of military payment certificates, illegal use of mails, and black marketing of petroleum products, which resulted in the establishment of directives that largely eliminated criminal offenses. The *21st Military Police Criminal Investigation 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 great skill, esprit de corps, and unstinting devotion to duty exhibited by the personnel of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 270, United States Army Forces, Far East, 28 September 1953.*)

6. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 22d Signal Group*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 September 1952 to 26 August 1953. The company provided necessary administrative, operational, and logistical support to many teams assigned as additional personnel. Despite the problems occasioned by supplying and supporting these elements, the unit continued to carry on its initial and primary mission as a group headquarters company in a highly commendable manner. Although faced with administrative and logistical problems far beyond those normal for a unit of its type, the superior unity of purpose which characterized its members was responsible for overcoming even the greatest difficulties. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 22d Signal Group*, 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 resourcefulness, initiative, 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 809, Eighth United States Army, 2 September 1953.*)

7. The *44th Surgical Hospital (Mobile Army)* (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 to 27 July 1953. The hospital supported 13 United Nations divisions in addition to 2 regimental combat teams. Despite adverse conditions encountered in field operations and the heavy influx of casualties during periods of widespread activity on the main line of resistance, especially during the months of June and July, the hospital consistently maintained the highest standards of professional care and was instrumental in saving the lives of innumerable, seriously wounded personnel. The *44th Surgical Hospital (Mobile Army)*, 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 resourcefulness, initiative, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this hospital reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 827, Eighth United States Army, 8 September 1953.*)

8. The *49th, 50th, and 52d Medical Detachments, Helicopter Ambulance*, are 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 1953. These detachments were charged with the mission of evacuating seriously wounded personnel from the front lines to forward surgical hospitals and hospitals in the rear and for expeditiously supplying the surgical hospitals with whole blood. Motivated by an outstanding unity of purpose and loyalty, the members of these detachments consistently performed their assigned duties in a highly commendable manner. In addition to normal duties, personnel volunteered to assist hospital personnel in caring for wounded men in wards and continually sought methods to improve service and expedite treatment of wounded troops. The *49th, 50th, and 52d Medical Detachments, Helicopter Ambulance*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set them apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of these units reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 826, Eighth United States Army, 8 September 1953.*)

9. The *98th Engineer Aerial Photo Reproduction Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 March to 1 September 1953. Assigned the task of producing all Eighth Army intelligence photos for corps and divisions, the personnel of the company exhibited exemplary diligence and devotion to duty in accomplishing their mission. Although it was the only unit of its kind in Korea, problems occasioned by a lack of precedent were expeditiously resolved by careful analysis and experiment. The company maintained a special projects laboratory on a 24-hour basis to produce enlargements, negatives, and film positives for intelligence purposes. Although hampered by a lack of equipment and numerous logistical problems, the company consistently surpassed minimum production requirements by a wide margin; in 1 day alone producing more than 20,000 prints. The *98th Engineer Aerial Photo Reproduction Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units. The aggressiveness, loyalty, and esprit de corps exhibited by members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 847, Eighth United States Army, 15 September 1953.*)

10. The *130th Quartermaster Bakery Company (Mobile)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 February to 31 July 1953. Functioning under adverse conditions imposed by a fluid combat situation, the company baked and issued a total of 6,031,672 pounds of bread for distribution to United Nations elements on the main line of resistance. In order to meet its commitments, the company worked on a 24-hour basis. Because of the rigorous schedule, the maintenance of equipment presented a formidable obstacle. Through the initiative and loyalty of its members, the company operated at peak efficiency and constantly maintained maximum production. The *130th Quartermaster Bakery Company (Mobile)* 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 aggressiveness, diligence, 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 854, Eighth United States Army, 16 September 1953.*)

11. *The 293d Quartermaster Graves Registration 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 November 1952 to 31 July 1953. The company was responsible for operating collecting points for reception, processing, and evacuation of the remains and personal effects of deceased United Nations personnel. Often working both day and night in order that delay in the evacuation chain might be held to the absolute minimum, personnel of the company displayed an outstanding unity of purpose which overcame the greatest difficulties. During the period, the company rendered outstanding support to six combat divisions, in addition to many other military units, to the extent of twice its planned capabilities. Many times working within range of enemy fire or under direct enemy observation, members of the company processed the remains of more than 3,000 soldiers in a most efficient and dignified manner. The personal effects of over 6,000 casualties, personnel missing in action, or personnel evacuated for medical treatment were received, safeguarded, and dispatched. *The 293d Quartermaster Graves Registration 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 loyalty, initiative, 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 808, Eighth United States Army, 2 September 1953.*)

12. *The 501st Communication Reconnaissance Group* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period from 1 July 1951 to 27 July 1953. Commencing its assignment with a small but highly skilled group, the *501st Communication Reconnaissance Group*, through exceptional diligence and devotion to duty, gradually expanded operations until it attained maximum intelligence coverage. Although faced with innumerable difficulties during this expansion period, each problem was approached with confidence and resolved successfully. Intelligence and security information gathered by this unit was of great value to tactical commanders in the formulation of plans for future operations and the remarkable teamwork displayed by the personnel of the *501st Communication Reconnaissance Group* contributed tremendously toward the fulfillment of the United Nations campaign for world peace. The high degree of technical knowledge, morale, and discipline exhibited by the *501st Communication Reconnaissance Group* in the performance of its highly classified mission earned the respect and esteem of all those who are familiar with its outstanding accomplishments and reflect great credit on itself, its members, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 264, United States Army Forces, Far East, 24 September 1953.*)

13. *The 519th Military Police Battalion* (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 January 1952 to 31 July 1953. In addition to performing normal military police functions while operating in direct support of combat elements of the Eighth Army, the battalion assumed responsibilities for security measures in liberated cities and traffic regulations on vital routes. In order to accomplish its complex mission, the battalion devised

an ingenious method whereby Korean civilian and military police were integrated into various operations; thus supplementing the inadequate numbers of trained personnel available. This plan later was adopted as standing operating procedure for all military police units in the combat zone. Initiating an accident prevention program aimed at enhancing the safety consciousness of the civilian populace, the battalion greatly decreased the number of traffic accidents. On the occasion of a disastrous fire at Wonju, the battalion, despite the stress of normal operations, actively participated in policing and clearing the devastated area. The *519th Military Police 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 initiative, cooperation, and loyalty exhibited by the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 850, Eighth United States Army, 16 September 1953.*)

14. The *984th Engineer Field Maintenance 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 5 July 1952 to 5 April 1953. The company was charged with the mission of performing third and fourth echelon maintenance on engineer equipment of the X United States Corps, the 82d Engineer Construction Group, and for United States units of I Republic of Korea Army Corps and Eighth United States Army service troops. In addition, the company supplied spare parts to these organizations for organizational maintenance. Characterized by an exceptional unity of purpose, the members of this company completed 3,125 work orders and reduced deadline percentages from 6.1 to 3.7 percent, consistently maintaining a lower deadline percentage than any other similar unit in the Eighth Army. Although called upon to function under adverse combat conditions and faced with a shortage of personnel and equipment, the company performed every assigned task in an expeditious and efficient manner. The *984th Engineer Field Maintenance 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 resourcefulness, diligence, 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 829, Eighth United States Army, 8 September 1953.*)

15. The *1343d 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 August 1952 to 31 January 1953. The battalion was responsible for providing engineer support to the forward elements of X Corps, a task which it consistently performed in a highly commendable manner. Working under adverse weather conditions, the battalion trained equipment operators and mechanics to operate and maintain more than double the normal complement of construction equipment. During August and September, the battalion gave direct support to a Republic of Korea Army division on the line, building and maintaining roads up to and on the main line of resistance and rendering advice to the divisional engineer battalion. The outstanding unity of purpose which motivated every member of the battalion was responsible for the superior accomplishments during this period. The *1343d 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 resourcefulness, initiative, and esprit de corps exhibited

by the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 828, Eighth United States Army, 8 September 1953.*)

16. The *Medical Administrative Detachment, 8211th Army Unit* (third award), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 November 1952 to 1 May 1953. Despite the most adverse conditions engendered by continuous turnover of personnel and the difficulties arising from barriers in language, this detachment consistently carried out its many exacting assignments in such a superior manner as to warrant the highest praise from all those cognizant of its fine work. It provided administrative support for the Swedish Red Cross hospital by preparing medical records and reports, operating the postal service and branch post exchange, assuring adequate medical supply, food service, and other special services. It maintained liaison between the Swedish Red Cross hospital and other United Nations medical units. This detachment performed its duties in such an exemplary manner that the hospital was able to materially increase the effectiveness with which it accomplished its vital mission of caring for sick and wounded United Nations troops in Korea. The *Medical Administrative Detachment, 8211th Army Unit*, displayed devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks so outstanding as to set it apart from and above other units having similar missions. The skill, esprit de corps, and exemplary devotion to duty of the personnel of this unit reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 273, United States Army Forces, Far East, 30 September 1953.*)

17. The *Engineer Topographic Detachment, 8218th 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 1952 to 30 June 1953. The detachment, the only unit of its kind in Korea, was assigned the mission of supporting United States X Corps in the reproduction of tactical maps, overlays, and overprints. Although functioning under extremely adverse conditions occasioned by a shortage of personnel and equipment, the detachment maintained a superior level of efficiency in every phase of its operations. It produced large quantities of lithographic and photographic work in the form of charts, posters, booklets, and miscellaneous material and rendered some service to almost every United Nations unit on the main line of resistance. At all times fully cognizant of the vital nature of their mission, the members of the detachment displayed a genuine willingness to work long hours in order to assure expeditious completion of unit requests. The *Engineer Topographic Detachment, 8218th Army Unit*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units. The aggressiveness, determination, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 851, Eighth United States Army, 16 September 1953.*)

18. The *Far East Criminal Investigation Laboratory, 8227th 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 July 1950 to 27 July 1953. While performing its mission of processing, identifying, analyzing, and reporting on evidentiary specimens submitted by six United States Army Military Criminal Investigation Detachments, the Office of Special Investigations,

United States Air Force, the Office of Naval Intelligence, United States Navy, and other investigative agencies of the United Nations Command, the *Far East Criminal Investigation Laboratory, 8227th Army Unit*, established an enviable reputation among units within the division by consistently adhering to a policy of service, courtesy, and helpfulness. The laboratory provided competent court technicians to testify in their respective specialties, maintained qualified United Nations Command fingerprint personnel to assist in processing and identification of prisoners of war, trained United Nations Prisoner of War Command personnel, and maintained the Central Identification Bureau and the Criminal Investigation Repository section. During this period, the laboratory received 1,764 requests for laboratory assistance from various commands in Korea. These requests entailed the examination of 10,584 exhibits within the fields of chemistry, document examination, firearm identification, serology, and photography. Because of the superior qualification, careful preparation, and zeal of its staff, the laboratory succeeded in accomplishing each examination in the minimum required time. The *Far East Criminal Investigation Laboratory, 8227th Army Unit*, 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 unsurpassed ability, singleness of purpose, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this laboratory reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 270, United States Army Forces, Far East, 28 September 1953.*)

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