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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.

## Units

## Citation

Provisional Battalion (composed of detachments of the 31st and 32d Regimental Combat Teams)

Company D, 10th Engineer Combat Battalion

Tank Company, 31st Infantry Regiment  
Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry Regiment

Company B, 1st Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment

2d Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment (less Company E)

185th Engineer Combat Battalion (less Company A)

**PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY)** awarded in the name of the President of the United States, by the Secretary of the Navy. The citation reads as follows:

For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against enemy aggressor forces in the Chosin Reservoir and Koto-ri area of Korea from 27 November to 11 December 1950. When the full fury of the enemy counterattack struck both the Eighth Army and the Tenth Corps on 27 and 28 November 1950, the First Marine Division, Reinforced, operating as the left flank division of the Tenth Corps, launched a daring assault westward from Yudam-ni in an effort to cut the road and rail communications of hostile forces attacking the Eighth Army and, at the same time, continue its mission of protecting a vital main supply route consisting of a tortuous mountain road running southward to Chinhung-ni, approximately 35 miles distant. Ordered to withdraw to Hambung in company with attached Army and other friendly units in the face of tremendous pressure in the Chosin Reservoir area, the Division began an epic battle against the bulk of the enemy Third Route Army and, while small intermediate garrisons at Hagaru-ru and Koto-ri held firmly against repeated and determined attacks by hostile forces, gallantly fought its way successively to Hagaru-ru, Koto-ri, Chinhung-ni, and Hambung over twisting, mountainous, and icy roads in subzero temperatures. Battling desperately night and day in the face of almost insurmountable odds throughout a period of two weeks of intense and sustained combat, the First Marine Division,

Reinforced, emerged from its ordeal as a fighting unit with its wounded, with its guns and equipment, and with its prisoners, decisively defeating seven enemy divisions, together with elements of three others, and inflicting major losses which seriously impaired the military effectiveness of the hostile forces for a considerable period of time. The vallant fighting spirit, relentless perseverance, and heroic fortitude of the officers and men of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, in battle against a vastly outnumbering enemy, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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The Adjutant General.

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