

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 30

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C., 28 April 1954

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

The 45th United States Infantry Division and attached units:

45th Infantry Division

Headquarters

Headquarters Company

Medical Detachment, Division

Headquarters

45th Infantry Division Band

45th Signal Company

45th Military Police Company

700th Ordnance Battalion

45th Quartermaster Company

179th Infantry

180th Infantry

279th Infantry

Division Artillery:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

Medical Detachment, 45th Division Artillery

158th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How, Towed)

160th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How, Towed)

171st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How, Towed)

189th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How, Towed)

145th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (AW) (SP)

120th Engineer Battalion (Combat)

245th Tank Battalion

120th Medical Battalion

45th Replacement Company

45th Reconnaissance Company

Attached units:

508th Military Intelligence Service Platoon

1st, 2d Platoons, 92d Artillery Battery (Searchlight)

351st Communications Reconnaissance Company (Detachments 5, 6)

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION awarded by citation dated 30 September 1953, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for exceptionally meritorious service to the Republic of Korea during the period 10 December 1951 to 31 July 1953, inclusive, with citation as follows:

The 45th United States Infantry Division continually exhibited extraordinary valor in combat and an unsurpassed excellence in the training and coordinating of Republic of Korea forces. In June 1952, the Division initiated a series of brilliant surprise attacks in order to establish a formidable outpost line beyond the existing main line of resistance and acquired many new positions, including the now famous hill masses of "Eerie" and "Baldy." The outposts were held securely in spite of the intense enemy counterattacks to recapture the strategic sites. Without yielding any of the newly acquired gains, the Division inflicted heavy losses upon the foe before it was replaced after over two hundred days of continuous combat. At this point, the men of the 45th United States Infantry Division undertook the important task of technically training Republic of Korea troops. Their efforts were rewarded by a display of brilliant combat effectiveness throughout the Republic of Korea forces. The return to front line positions in September 1952 by the Thunderbird Division created a new chapter in the military accomplishments of both United States and Korean troops as the two fused and fought together with a rare display of unity. During the Communist summer offensive of 1953, the

301st Communications Reconnaissance Company (Detachments 1, 2)

72d Engineer Combat Company

980th Field Artillery Battalion

143d Field Artillery Battalion

153d Preventive Medicine Detachment

45th Counter Intelligence Corps

Company C, 15th Security Battalion

3d Platoon, 61st Searchlight Company

313th Communications Reconnaissance Company (Detachment 2)

2d Platoon, 567th Ambulance Company

3d Platoon, 31st Searchlight Company

[AG 200.02 (12 Apr 54)]

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OFFICIAL:

JOHN A. KLEIN,

Major General, United States Army,
Acting The Adjutant General.

M. B. RIDGWAY,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION:

According to requirements submitted on DA Form 12.

45th United States Infantry Division once again exhibited its fighting spirit and singleness of purpose as it frustrated enemy attacks and preserved vital positions on "Sand Bag Castle," "Heartbreak Ridge" and "Christmas Hill." The steadfast devotion to duty, gallantry in battle and cooperative spirit with which Republic of Korea troops were made an integral part of a unified force reflect the greatest credit upon the 45th United States Infantry Division and uphold the most esteemed traditions of the military profession.

TAGO 5251B