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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:

Liaison Section, 8247th Army Unit

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION** awarded by citation dated 16 August 1951, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for outstanding and superior performance of duty while participating in the "Korean Airlift" during the period 10 September 1950 to 30 June 1951, inclusive, with citation as follows:

The Government of the Republic of Korea extends its deepest, most sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the magnificent manner in which the 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo) headquarters distinguished itself by performing its assigned mission of directing the flying operation known popularly as the "Korean Airlift." From 10 September 1950 to 30 June 1951, the 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo) Headquarters, originally known as Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command Headquarters, was responsible for the planning and execution of the Airlift Operation, which served all the United Nations Forces in Korea. The 315th Air Division during the period, utilizing a fleet of C-54 Skymasters, C-119 Flying Boxcars, C-46 Commandos, and C-47 Skytrains, provided strong logistical support for the Republic of Korea and United Nations military forces by airlifting more than 250,000 tons of supplies, ammunition, medical supplies, and other vitally needed war materials. Hundreds of wounded Republic of Korea troops, nurses, and Korean civilians were evacuated from frontline combat areas to hospitals in Korea and Japan. In addition, thousands of Republic of Korea troops, nurses, and government officials were air transported to frontline areas from the rear areas of South Korea. Under fire, large groups of Republic of Korea troops and refugees were evacuated to points of safety in Southern Korea. During the United Nations withdrawal before the overwhelming Chinese Forces over a thousand Korean orphans were evacuated to safety from Seoul. These orphans would have perished as there was no other safe way out for the poor waifs. The 315th Air Division Headquarters gave almost continuous logistic support by air drop to Republic of Korea forces; many of whom were surrounded or otherwise cut off from ground supply. Ammunition, food, water, medical supplies and other essential war materials were air dropped. The 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo) Headquarters was also responsible during this period for providing airlift for hundreds of special missions of great importance to the Republic of Korea. The Headquarters was also responsible for providing the voice planes which dropped propaganda and surrender leaflets to enemy troops and broadcasting surrender appeals in Korean and Chinese. These missions were particularly successful in view of the many prisoners

taken with surrender leaflets in their hands, including 1,800 in one day. Through its unfailing support of Republic of Korea troops and its humanitarian airlift assistance to stricken refugees and wounded civilians in Korea, the 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo) Headquarters has reflected great credit upon itself, the Republic of Korea and the United States Air Force.

The outstanding performance of duty by each individual of the above cited units, is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

M. B. RIDGWAY,  
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*Chief of Staff.*

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*Major General, United States Army,*  
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