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1. DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION.—As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), citation for the following units in the general orders indicated is confirmed in accordance with AR 220-315 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citations read as follows:

1. *Company P, Greek Expeditionary Forces Battalion* (second award) is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Surang-Ni, Korea, during the period 17 June to 18 June 1953. Assigned the defense of a vital outpost position, the company encountered a major enemy assault on the evening of 17 June. After an intense concentration of enemy mortar and artillery fire, the hostile forces, which had taken up an attack position on the northeast and northwest side of the outpost, moved rapidly through their own and friendly artillery fire to gain a foothold on the northern slope of the position. Refusing to withdraw, *Company P* closed in and met the attackers in a furious hand to hand struggle in which many of the enemy were driven off. The aggressors regrouped, quickly attacked a second time, and again gained the friendly trenches. Immediately, the Greek Forces launched a series of counterattacks, simultaneously dispatching a diversionary force to the east of the outpost which successfully channeled the enemy thrusts. After 2 hours of vicious close-in fighting, the aggressors were again routed and the friendly position restored. The outstanding conduct and exemplary courage exhibited by the members of *Company P, Greek Expeditionary Forces Battalion*, reflect great credit on themselves and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and the Kingdom of Greece. (*General Orders 752, Headquarters Eighth United States Army, 16 November 1954, as amended by General Orders 34, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 1 February 1955.*)

2. *Company B, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division* (third award), is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Surang-Ni, Korea, during the period 11 June to 12 June 1953. During the night of 11 June, while occupying a vitally important outpost, the members of this unit successfully repelled several determined attempts by the Chinese Communist Forces to overtake their position. The enemy, moving up through its own artillery and mortar fire in an attempt to seize the key terrain occupied by *Company B*, assaulted the outpost repeatedly with forces up to regimental strength. With reinforced firepower, the enemy at times was successful in penetrating friendly lines but was subsequently expelled by the members of the defending unit in bitter hand to hand combat, thereby re-establishing the outpost line. On two separate occasions the assaults by the hostile forces were beaten off by close-in fighting and aggressive counterattack, causing the enemy forces to turn back with heavy casualties. By early morning of 12 June, the enemy had been forced to withdraw from the entire position and cease action. The extraordinary heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by the members of *Company B, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division*, reflect great credit on themselves and are in keeping with the highest traditions

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of the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 757, Headquarters Eighth United States Army, 17 November 1954, as amended by General Orders 34, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 1 February 1955.*)

3. *Company K, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division* (third award) is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Surang-Ni, Korea, during the period 10 June to 11 June 1953. Defending a critical sector of the battlefield, the company was subjected to repeated attacks by numerically superior Chinese Communist Forces. Enemy assaults ranging from company size to a reinforced regiment were directed against the company's position in repeated waves in a desperate attempt to take the critical outpost. By massing his strength in depth, the enemy was at times successful in penetrating friendly positions but was consistently pushed back by members of this company following rigorous hand to hand combat. On the night of 10 June, a reinforced enemy regiment, employing small arms fire, automatic weapons and grenades, and supported by 20,000 rounds of artillery and mortar fire, launched the initial assault of a series of new attacks on the position. Although having sustained over 200 casualties in their initial attempt to overtake the outpost, the enemy was determined to seize the key terrain at all costs and charged repeatedly throughout the night of 10 June and the following morning. During the height of the battle the trenches at times were overrun, but, met with the inspired close-in fighting of the beleaguered but courageous members of *Company K*, the enemy was ultimately repelled from the friendly positions. The extraordinary heroism of the members of *Company K, 15th, Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division*, in fulfilling their assigned mission reflects great credit on themselves and upholds the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 758, Headquarters Eighth United States Army, 17 November 1954, as amended by General Orders 34, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 1 February 1955.*)

II. 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 and the Republic of Korea Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods indicated. The citations read as follows:

1. The *13th Medical Dispensary, Camp Tokyo*, and the following attached units:

34th Medical Detachment,

40th Medical Detachment, and the

46th Medical Detachment,

from 1 November 1952 to 30 June 1953, inclusive, are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, in Japan, in support of combat and post-war operations in Korea. In performing its dual mission of medically processing thousands of troops for Korea duty and extending medical care and service to military personnel stationed in Japan, all elements of the organization displayed superior technical ability and devotion to duty. In addition, the unit ably conducted the medical screening of large numbers of United Nations forces and personnel on rest and recuperation status, and ministered to the health and welfare of thousands of troops and United States employees, dependents, and Red Cross representatives residing within the command jurisdiction of Camp Tokyo. By virtue of its vigorous and competent enforcement of applicable regulations and maintenance of proper standards throughout its

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sphere of responsibility, the unit established an exemplary record in the control of contagious diseases, the elimination of innumerable unsanitary conditions, and other threats to the health and welfare of the command. In its performance of an exceptionally difficult and complex mission, and by notably advancing the prestige and effectiveness of the Army medical program throughout the Far East, the unit reflects great credit on itself, its members, and the military service. (*General Orders 493, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 20 December 1954.*)

2. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 30th Ordnance Battalion* (second award), and the following attached units:

30th Ordnance Company (*Heavy Maintenance*) (third award),

32d Ordnance Company (*Heavy Maintenance*) (fourth award),

512th Ordnance Company (*Heavy Automotive Maintenance*) (second award),

and

568th Ordnance Company (*Heavy Maintenance*) (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 November 1952 to 15 January 1954. The only organization of its kind in the combat zone, this battalion was charged with the vital mission of receiving, processing, storing, and issuing the interim model M series vehicles to all combat and service units in the Eighth United States Army. In addition, it was responsible for the receipt and subsequent repair and overhauling of World War II vehicles for re-issue to the Republic of Korea Army units. Without previous experience in this type of operation, this organization designed and established industrial type mass production lines under field conditions for the complete rebuilding of such complicated and intricate items as the hydramatic transmission and power steering gears. The magnitude of this task was so vast that it was necessary to employ and train 1500 indigenous personnel to perform complex mechanical functions. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 30th Ordnance Battalion* and its 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. The technical skill, determination, 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 708, Headquarters Eighth United States Army, 22 October 1954, as amended by General Orders 34, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 1 February 1955.*)

3. The *58th Engineer Company (Float Bridge)* 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 27 July 1954. Assigned the mission of providing tactical bridging for river crossings on a 30 mile front of the Imjin River, this company consistently accomplished its vital tasks in an exemplary manner in the face of numerous obstacles and despite severe weather conditions. During this period, the organization constructed and operated special rafts for the purpose of ferrying troops and supplies at critical points when bridges became inoperative. This unit, while at times carrying on its mission in the face of enemy fire, succeeded in building 20,450 feet of floating bridges over most of the principal Korean rivers and their tributaries. In addition, it frequently furnished power boats and operators to combat units for debris clearing projects to save strategic bridges during the flood season. Operations during the flood season were executed under exceptionally difficult working conditions due to the sudden rise of flood waters at bridge sites, the highly increased speed of

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current and the continuous downpour which rendered roads and bridge approaches extremely difficult for the quantities of heavy equipment used by this unit. As a result of the combined efficiency and professional ability of all members of this company, no bridges under their jurisdiction were disabled or damaged during the 1954 flood season. The *58th Engineer Company (Float Bridge)* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above the other units with similar missions. The personal achievement and conduct of all members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves, their organization, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 812, Headquarters Eighth United States Army (Forward), 28 December 1954.*)

4. The *59th Military Police Company* (third award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations, in Korea, from 16 December 1953 to 27 July 1954. Displaying exceptional resourcefulness and ingenuity, personnel of the company provided security for the Korean Communications Zone Headquarters, controlled military motor traffic and performed general military police functions in the Taegu sector. They implemented a well-planned, effective program for the repression of vice, recovery of stolen Government property, and provided honor guard and escort service for visiting military and civilian dignitaries. The outstanding teamwork, stability, and esprit de corps of these men were profitably demonstrated when a major fire raged in downtown Taegu in the spring of 1954. They worked assiduously in rerouting traffic, evacuating civilians, escorting fire-fighting vehicles, and assisted greatly in bringing the conflagration under control. Additionally, they devoted much time and effort to numerous Armed Forces Assistance to Korea projects including reconstruction of several Korean buildings, rehabilitation of war-devastated areas, and provision of comforts and amenities to orphanages. The exemplary achievements, cooperative attitude, and tenacity of purpose exhibited by the *59th Military Police Company* reflect great credit on its members individually and collectively and uphold the honored traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 36, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 5 February 1955.*)

5. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 67th Ordnance Ammunition Battalion* (fourth award), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of military operations during the period 28 July 1953 to 27 July 1954. Charged with the command and supervision of units providing ammunition support to United States and Republic of Korea Forces, this organization accomplished many post-hostility readjustments and successfully undertook a complete realignment of support missions. As combat units redeployed and assumed new assignments, the items and quantities of stocked ammunition were altered to insure proper support in the event of resumption of hostilities. Despite constant explosive hazards involved, the administrative efforts and attention to duty of the members of this unit made possible the processing of this material without loss or injury to human life or damage to Government property. During this period, the organization was additionally assigned to supervision and training of two Republic of Korea Army battalions together with their seven companies. Overcoming difficulties imposed by a wide geographical dispersion of subordinate units, this detachment accomplished its important mission in a highly exemplary manner. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 67th Ordnance Ammunition Battalion* displayed such outstanding achievement during this period as to set it

apart from other units having similar tasks. The initiative, loyalty, and devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 819, Headquarters Eighth United States Army (Forward), 31 December 1954.*)

6. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 83d Ordnance Battalion (Ammunition)* (third award), and the following assigned units:

58th Ordnance Company (Ammunition) (second award),

65th Ordnance Company (Ammunition) (second award),

630th Ordnance Company (Ammunition) (second award),

696th Ordnance Company (Ammunition) (second award), and

59th Ordnance Ammunition Renovation Platoon (third 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 27 July 1953. Charged with the responsibility of providing technical, operational, and administrative control and supervision over the flow of ammunition to combat units, as well as the distribution of thousands of tons of class V materials, this battalion met all demands placed upon it. During this tense period of hostilities, the difficult task of hiring and supervising thousands of indigenous personnel to help provide vital ammunition support to troops in the field was undertaken. A total of 1,318,070 tons of ammunition were distributed by this battalion, 20,305 tons in one 24-hour period alone, while approximately 8,000 Koreans were being taught the intricacies of its handling. The receipt, storage, and issue of ammunition during the months of May, June, and July 1953, exceeded all previous records established by a unit of this size. In addition, the battalion conducted a program of modifying mortar and smoke shells as well as an aggressive ammunition renovation and maintenance program resulting in a large saving to the Government. Achievements attained in liaison, training, and technical assistance to Republic of Korea Army ammunition units were clearly outstanding. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 83d Ordnance Battalion (Ammunition)*, and its assigned units displayed such outstanding devotion to duty as to set them apart from other units having a similar mission. The esprit de corps exhibited by personnel of this organization reflects great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 628, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 20 September 1954, as amended by General Orders 796, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army (Forward) 10 December 1954.*)

7. The *485th Engineer Company (Dump Truck)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in Korea during the period 1 May 1953 to 27 July 1954. Demonstrating initiative, diligent effort and outstanding technical ability, the *485th Engineer Company (Dump Truck)* rendered highly effective support to the 1169th Engineer Group (Combat), its attached units, and the 1st British Commonwealth Division, maintaining rare efficiency under acutely adverse conditions. Despite extremely hazardous terrain, inclement weather, and treacherous enemy actions, members of this unit traveled over a million miles during this period, hauling 800,000 cubic yards of road material without a fatal accident. Through keen insight and conscientious devotion to duty, the unit greatly facilitated the successful maintenance of important routes of communication in the I Corps area, contributing materially toward the accomplishment of the United Nations' vital mission in Korea. The commendable achievements of members of this organization in the performance of their numerous difficult and severely demanding assignments reflect great credit on themselves and the military

service of the United States. (*General Orders 506, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 31 December 1954.*)

8. The 534th Engineer Detachment (*Technical Intelligence, Research*) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, in Korea, from 16 December 1953 to 27 July 1954, inclusive. Members of the unit displayed a broad understanding of technical requirements and procedures in coordinating the efforts of three collection teams and expertly evaluating the data compiled by these sources. In addition, the detachment performed, in a highly creditable manner, the writing, editing and publishing of the theater's Engineer Technical Intelligence Reports. In the accomplishment of these tasks all operational personnel functioned effectively despite the strenuous physical demands and arduous living conditions imposed by assignments requiring prolonged field duty. By closely adhering to the most exacting security standards and consistently employing a commendable degree of resourcefulness and ingenuity in the utilization of assembled information, members of this organization contributed prominently to the successful completion of the overall engineer intelligence and mapping program in Korea. The 534th Engineer Detachment (*Technical Intelligence, Research*) exhibited such a measure of competence, diligence, and loyalty in the performance of all designated assignments as to set it above and apart from other units with similar missions, reflecting great credit on themselves, the Corps of Engineers, and the military service. (*General Orders 26, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 24, January 1955.*)

9. The 557th Engineer Detachment (*Technical Intelligence, Collection*), cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in Korea, from 16 December 1953 to 27 July 1954. Assigned the mission of road and bridge reconnaissance of South Korea, members of the 557th Engineer Detachment (*Technical Intelligence, Collection*) consistently performed their complex and frequently hazardous duties with precision and dispatch. Although confronted by numerous difficulties imposed by acute shortages of experienced personnel due to rotation and long periods of living in the field under extremely adverse conditions, the high morale and esprit de corps displayed by each individual of the unit insured maximum standards of security and expeditious accomplishment of their important project. In addition, the personnel of the detachment were responsible for interrogation of North Korean and Chinese Communist Forces defectors on matters of engineer interest, skillfully translating highly technical enemy documents and maps, and salvaging their mines for analysis in the rear area. They conducted classes on enemy mines and booby traps for every company in the Commonwealth Division and units of United States divisions, providing similar weekly courses of instruction at the I Corps Noncommissioned Officers Academy. The professional competence, unity of effort, and steadfast devotion to duty exhibited by each member of the 557th Engineer Detachment contributed significantly to the success of the vital engineer intelligence and mapping mission in Korea and reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 26, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 24 January 1955.*)

10. The 1901st Engineer Base Topographic Battalion, Republic of Korea Army, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in Korea during the period 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1954. Throughout this period, this unit consistently and efficiently provided the Korean Armed Forces operating with the Eighth United

States Army with Korean language maps in sufficient quantities despite almost insurmountable equipment and personnel problems. During the first year of the Korean conflict and under extremely adverse conditions, the battalion reproduced and distributed 1,230,085 emergency edition two-color maps for the entire area of Korea. In addition, the battalion accomplished numerous translations of geodetic control which expedited and made possible the prompt revision of the emergency edition maps by precise photogrammetric methods, thereby facilitating the military operations of the United Nations Forces. The unit also performed continuous field surveys and computations necessary to establish ground control for new mapping and map revision and to reproduce, store, and distribute new and existing maps and other intelligence materials. The *1001st Engineer Base Topographic Battalion, Republic of Korea Army*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally important tasks in a highly technical field as to set it apart from and above other technical units with support missions. The efficiency, zeal, and determination of the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves, their organization, and the Republic of Korea Army. (*General Orders 818, Headquarters Eighth United States Army (Forward), 31 December 1954.*)

11. The *Honor Guard Company, Far East Command, 8233d Army Unit* and the following attached units:

Air Force Detachment, Far East Command Honor Guard, and

Naval Detachment, Far East Command Honor Guard (consisting of United States Naval personnel and United States Marine Corps personnel assigned to duty with the Honor Guard Company), are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in Japan, from 10 February 1953 to 27 July 1954. As a Tri-Service Unit comprising personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, the Honor Guard Company displayed the highest standards of military bearing, discipline, and efficiency in providing optimum security for the Commander in Chief and Headquarters, United Nations and Far East Commands. Maintaining a 24 hour a day guard at the headquarters and residence of the Commander in Chief, the company's resolute surveillance precluded occurrence of any unpleasant incidents during civil disturbances and strikes and insured the safety and protection of vital military personnel and facilities. In addition, the *Honor Guard Company, Far East Command 8233d Army Unit* and attached units formulated and frequently rehearsed emergency ground defense, air defense, fire and disaster plans to attain maximum preparedness in support of the command they served. Responsible for conducting official ceremonies for visiting dignitaries, their consistently outstanding performance at each function elicited the admiration and commendation of high ranking military and civilian personnel and greatly enhanced the prestige of the Armed Forces in the Far East. The unity of effort, selfless devotion to duty, and professional ability exhibited by each member of the Honor Guard Company contributed significantly to the vital mission of Headquarters, United Nations and Far East Commands and reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 34, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 1 February 1955.*)

III..MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.—1. So much of paragraph 19, section II, DA General Orders 14, 1955, as reads "Japan Signal Service Battalion, 8074th Army Unit" is amended to read "Japan Signal Service Battalion, 8047th Army Unit."

2. So much of paragraph 14, section II, DA General Orders 1, 1954, as pertains to the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Norwegian Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, is amended to include the Medical Administrative Detachment, 8245th Army Unit, United States Army. (*General Orders 796, Headquarters Eighth United States Army (Forward), 10 December 1954.*)

3. So much of paragraph 1, section II, DA General Orders 14, 1955, as pertains to the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Norwegian Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (second award), is amended to include the Medical Administrative Detachment, 8245th Army Unit, United States Army (second award). (*General Orders 796, Headquarters Eighth United States Army (Forward), 10 December 1954.*)

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