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I. 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. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Transportation Port Command (O)*, (formerly Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Transportation Major Port), from 1 January 1952 to 27 July 1954, inclusive, and the following assigned and attached units during the periods as indicated:

8032d Army Unit, *Trans Army Marine Ship Repair Company* (second award), from 1 January 1952 to 1 January 1953, inclusive,

523 Military Police Dismounted, *Patrol and Guard Platoon*, from 1 January 1952 to 15 January 1953, inclusive,

8072d Army Unit, *Yokohama Transportation Harbor Craft Detachment*, from 1 January 1952 to 20 January 1953, inclusive,

8071st Army Unit, *Yokohama Transportation Port Detachment*, from 1 January 1952 to 20 January 1953, inclusive,

8082d Army Unit, *Yokohama Port Signal Service Detachment*, from 1 January 1952 to 20 January 1953, inclusive, and the 8247th Army Unit, *Augmentation 2d Transportation Port Command (O)* (formerly Augmentation 2d Transportation Major Port), from 20 January 1953 to 27 July 1954, inclusive, are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations, in Korea. Exhibiting exceptional resourcefulness and ingenuity, members of the command devoted their skills and abilities to rendering outstanding logistical support to United Nations' forces in Korea and Japan. Their scope of responsibility embraced the discharge, transshipment and loading of all Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal, Medical, Engineer, and Chemical items and all military personnel in support of the Korean conflict. Close liaison and coordinated operations were maintained with the Military Sea Transportation Service, United States interrelated services, and Japanese governmental agencies and commercial firms; and millions of measurement tons were processed on a round-the-clock schedule. In addition, they supervised the maintenance of all Army harborcraft in the Far East Command, manned all Army-operated vessels in Japan, and negotiated a contractual agreement which changed the basic hire system, effecting substantial monetary savings and making available a greater number of power barges on a "call" basis and providing for payment of services as rendered. The exemplary contributions and esprit de corps of the 2d Transportation Port Command (O), and assigned and attached units, facilitated accomplishment of the United Nations' missions and objectives in the Far East, reflecting great credit on its members individually and collectively, and upholding the esteemed traditions of the military service.

2. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion (Separate)* (fifth award), and the attached 157th Medical Detachment (food service) (second award) are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in Korea, from 28 July 1953 to 27 July 1954. Assigned the responsibility of planning and coordinating the operations of 8 company-sized medical units and 18 additional medical

detachments, the *52d Medical Battalion (separate)* and attached *157th Medical Detachment (food service)* resourcefully overcame numerous complex difficulties incident to the wide dispersion of units within the I Corps and Eighth Army areas to provide the highest standards of administration, logistical support, and operational control. In addition, they directed the efficient, expeditious evacuation of thousands of patients from 11 United Nations divisions and 6 mobile hospitals, and insured superior staff planning and coordination of the Medical and Dental Service Program, the Preventive Medicine Program, and the Veterinary Food Inspection and Animal Disease Program throughout the Eighth Army area. The professional ability and resolute surveillance exhibited by each member of *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion (separate)*, and the attached *157th Medical Detachment (food service)* contributed significantly to the alleviation of suffering and saving of lives and greatly enhanced the health and welfare of United Nations personnel in Korea. Their unity of effort, esprit de corps, and outstanding accomplishments 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, as amended by General Orders 57, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth United States Army, 25 February 1955.*)

3. *The Yokohama Engineer Depot, 8056th Army Unit*, from 1 July 1951 to July 1954, inclusive, and the following assigned and attached units:

546th Engineer Detachment (Special Equipment and Maintenance) (formerly *546th Engineer Searchlight Maintenance Detachment*), from 21 November 1951 to 1 July 1954, inclusive;

700th Engineer Pipeline Company (formerly *700th Engineer Petroleum Distribution Company*), from 1 July 1951 to 13 February 1953, inclusive, are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service, in Japan, while in support of all United Nations forces in the Far East Command. Functioning with exemplary precision and a thorough awareness of mission responsibilities, these units received, processed, and shipped over 4,500,000 tons of engineer supplies, a great percentage of which were destined for Korea. In expanding and gearing its efforts to the vastly increased demands of a wartime-operation, the depot totally outfitted 12 Korean Divisions in 1 month with component engineer equipment; rehabilitated, repaired, and issued 186,000 items of engineer supplies; designed and adopted devices of great merit in reducing damage to small shipments and protecting property against pilferage; and developed a training program for Japanese National workers of distinct value to the United States Government in the interests of economy and operational efficiency. The superior qualities of both management and labor incorporated in the control and implementation of this huge project is readily conformed by figures revealing a record of man-tons per month handled in excess of any zone of interior depot operation for a similar period. *The Yokohama Engineer Depot, 8056th Army Unit*, with its assigned and attached units, throughout a highly critical and exacting period, displayed such outstanding effort, aggressiveness, and diligence in the accomplishment of assigned objectives as to set them apart from, and above other similar organizations, reflecting great credit on each component, the personnel and the military service.

4. *The 9901.10 Technical Service Unit, Medical Research Unit (Far East)*, (formerly *7277th GU Medical Research Detachment*), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of military operations in Korea from 1 January to 27 July 1954. Displaying an

outstanding measure of technical proficiency and a sound understanding of operational objectives and requirements, members of this unit achieved distinctive results in the study of hemorrhagic fever. Conducted under the supervision of the Commission on Hemorrhagic Fever, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, a program of research devoted to the etiology, epidemiology, and ecological aspects of this disease was instituted and vigorously developed. Personnel rendered active and able assistance to associated teams in providing essential technical skills and special equipment, and members unhesitatingly risked threats inherent in the collection and analysis of field specimens, frequently carriers of the dread disease. Constantly hampered by personnel shortages, the unit's technicians often were required to double in field and laboratory duties to insure the scheduled completion of mission assignments. Members also engaged in highly helpful instruction to medical officers from all parts of the Eighth United States Army on the recognition and control of hemorrhagic fever and, throughout this period, exerted all resources to the accumulation of experimental data productively utilized in the formulation of treatment techniques and preventive measures. The 9901.10 *Technical Service Unit*, by its exceptional competence, meritorious accomplishments, and staunch devotion to mission objectives, reflects great credit on itself, its members, and the military service.

II..MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. 1. So much of paragraph 12, section II, DA General Orders 38, 1952, as pertains to the Meritorious Unit Commendation to *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion* is amended to add "(second award)." (*General Orders 57, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East, 25 February 1955*)

2. So much of paragraph 6, DA General Orders 19, 1953, as pertains to the Meritorious Unit Commendation to *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion (Separate)* (second award), is amended to read "*Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion (Separate)* (third award)." (*General Orders 57, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East, 25 February 1955*)

3. So much of paragraph 11, section I, DA General Orders 93, 1953, as pertains to the Meritorious Unit Commendation to *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion* (third award) is amended to read "*Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion* (fourth award)." (*General Orders 57, Headquarters United States Army Forces, Far East, 25 February 1955*)

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