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I. 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 of the following unit 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 citation reads as follows:

Companies A, B, and F, 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, are cited for outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Sidamak, Korea, during the period 6 to 17 June 1952. On 6 June, the companies were assigned the mission of assaulting and securing a strategic hill vital to the success of campaigns in the entire area. Assault groups bearing fixed bayonets advanced toward the well-entrenched, numerically superior hostile troops and, striking swiftly, drove them from the hill before effective concentrated fire could be brought to bear. Moving into pre-planned positions, the companies then established a defensive perimeter to ward off counterattacks. During the night, several weak counterattacks were repulsed, but early the next morning, the volume of fire from surrounding hills became more intense. Working relentlessly to fortify defensive positions, the exhausted allied troops were subjected to 2,000 rounds of artillery and mortar fire during one 6-hour period. The formidable obstacles occasioned by the evacuation of the wounded, resupply, communications, and construction of defenses were overcome by an outstanding display of cooperation and courageous aggressiveness under fire. On the night of 8 June, following a devastating barrage, hostile troops swarmed on the position in a desperate bid to rout the allied defenders. Time and again during the 11-day period which followed, the hostile forces were repulsed, suffering extremely heavy casualties. In addition, the allied defense of the position accomplished the vital tactical mission of neutralizing enemy effectiveness in the entire sector. Companies A, B, and F, 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, displayed such outstanding tenacity and determination in accomplishing their hazardous mission as to set them apart from and above other units participating in the action. The extraordinary heroism and selfless devotion to duty exhibited by the members of the companies reflect great credit on themselves and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service of the United States. (General Orders 606, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 27 June 1953.)

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 for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated. The citations read as follows:

1. *Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services against the enemy in Korea from 1 April 1952 to 22 April 1953. Responsible, as acting corps artillery headquarters and headquarters battery of a Republic of Korea Army corps, for directing artillery support for three infantry divisions.*

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group, distinguished itself not only by outstanding superiority of support rendered but also by its many valuable contributions to the United Nations effort in Korea. Provided initially with an insufficient number of Republic of Korea Army field artillery battalions, whose training and experience were limited and whose language, customs, and psychology were completely foreign, *Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group*, exhibiting outstanding diplomacy, ingenuity, technical ability, and devotion to duty on the part of all personnel, directed unfailing artillery support across a three-division corps front. Although short of personnel, the strength was below that considered normal for its tactical mission, *Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group*, instituted a program of training which immediately effected substantial improvement in operational efficiency of Republic of Korea Army field artillery units. So successful was this program, that *Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group*, earned the additional mission of training, during their first 3 months of combat, all newly activated Republic of Korea Army field artillery groups and 105-mm howitzer battalions. The high standards of excellence to which these units were brought under close supervision and the unremitting efforts of *Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group*, have been repeatedly demonstrated in critical actions in many sectors of the Korean battlefield. Reference material prepared in Korean for units in training so admirably filled the existing void that it was reproduced for all Republic of Korea Army field artillery units, including those yet to be activated, and for the Korean Artillery School. Accomplishments of such magnitude were made possible only by outstanding technical knowledge, judgment, and determination exhibited by all personnel. Their exemplary performance in the face of formidable obstacles and their continuously demonstrated devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the expansion and development of the Republic of Korea Army and to the cause of the United Nations. The meritorious service rendered by *Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group*, is in the highest tradition of the military service.

2. The *25th Medical Battalion, 25th Infantry Division*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 June 1952 to 31 March 1953. During this period, the battalion often performed its tasks in close proximity to the hostile forces in order to expedite the treatment and evacuation of the sick and wounded. Despite the difficulties occasioned by hazardous terrain and adverse weather, the battalion operated at all times at peak efficiency, rendering the highest possible type of medical treatment and service to more than 7,000 casualties. The logistical support rendered to regimental medical companies and other detachments of the division was of such calibre that essential medical supplies and equipment always were available. Dental service was rendered by the battalion in such a manner that only a negligible amount of duty time was lost by personnel because of dental defects. The *25th Medical Battalion, 25th Infantry Division*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The loyalty, initiative, 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 544, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 6 June 1953.*)

3. The *25th Military Police Company, 25th Infantry Division* (second award), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding

services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 15 February 1952 to 2 February 1953. The company's ability to control all traffic situations was demonstrated by its performance during the relief of the 7th Infantry Division. The motor patrols of the unit worked day and night, despite adverse weather conditions, almost impassable roads, and danger of enemy infiltration and harassment. The subsequent relief of all regimental and artillery units within the division further indicated the company's ability to coordinate, control, and escort all movements over the division road nets. The company exercised effective control over stragglers and indigenous personnel throughout the entire division area, as well as the expeditious processing and evacuation of prisoners of war. On many occasions, members of the company carried out their duties under direct enemy observation and were subjected to hostile fire. The flexibility of the company was proven by the integration of personnel from other United Nations units into its police teams. The *25th Military Police Company, 25 Infantry Division*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The loyalty, aggressiveness, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 556, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 10 June 1953.*)

4. The *44th Ordnance Depot Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 17 November 1951 to 1 August 1952. The company was assigned the mission of supplying ordnance materiel, parts, and supplies to three divisions, a United Nations brigade, four medium maintenance companies, and one automotive maintenance company, a mission in excess of the normal load for a unit of this type. This superior accomplishment was made possible by properly receiving and locating stock, maintaining a stock control and record system, up-to-date number changes and inventory, liaison activities with supporting units, night operations in the depot office, and constant and proper training of men in ordnance supply procedures. Despite formidable obstacles, the members of the company were successful in accomplishing their mission with the highest possible degree of efficiency. The *44th Ordnance Depot Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The loyalty, aggressiveness, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 555, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 10 June 1953.*)

5. The *83d Ordnance Battalion (Ammunition)* and the following assigned units:
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (second award);
58th Ordnance Ammunition Company;
59th Ordnance Ammunition Renovation Platoon (second award);
65th Ordnance Ammunition Company;
630th Ordnance Ammunition Company;
696th Ordnance Ammunition Company,

are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July to 31 December 1952. Assigned the mission of providing ammunition supply to three United States and one Republic of Korea Army corps, the battalion accomplished its tasks in an exemplary manner at all times. During one 13-day

period in October 1952, it accomplished the heaviest workload known to have been assigned to a comparable unit. Through the determination and aggressiveness of the members of the battalion, ammunition supply points were expanded, restorage was effected, renovation of ammunition was continued, and hazardous storage conditions were eliminated. Despite increased activity, the primary mission of the battalion was accomplished efficiently and promptly. Floods in July and August threatened to curtail the handling of ammunition, but skillful planning and determination of the members of the battalion resulted in successfully meeting all ammunition requirements in combat units. The *83d Ordnance Battalion (Ammunition)* and assigned units displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set them apart from and above other units with similar missions. The loyalty, aggressiveness, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this battalion and assigned units reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (General Orders 554, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 10 June 1953.)

6. The *212th Medical Detachment (Psychiatric)* (then designated the *212th Psychiatric Detachment*), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 May 1952 to 30 April 1953. The detachment, the only unit of its kind in Korea, served as the neuropsychiatric treatment center for the Eighth United States Army and the Republic of Korea Army communications zone. Functioning without precedent upon which to base its actions, the detachment became the key installation in an entirely new system of handling neuropsychiatric patients in close proximity to the main line of resistance in order to treat and rehabilitate casualties with the shortest possible time lost from duty. The innumerable problems and complications which arose were handled expeditiously and with accuracy and efficiency, enabling new policies to be established and passed on to allied units. Through outstanding individual effort and a superior spirit of cooperation and determination, a continuous high level of patient care was maintained and all but a small percentage of the patients were returned to useful duty. The *212th Medical Detachment (Psychiatric)* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units. The aggressiveness, loyalty, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (General Orders 540, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 5 June 1953.)

7. The *Signal Service Battalion (Very High Frequency)*, *8189th Army Unit* (second award), consisting of the following units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company (second award);

556th Signal Radio Relay Company (second award);

557th Signal Radio Relay Company (second award);

581st Signal Radio Relay Company (third award),

is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 June 1952 to 12 March 1953. The battalion, the only unit of its kind in the combat zone, was charged with the mission of providing very high frequency radio, telephone, and teletype communications between Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, and major subordinate commands. It operated and maintained an average of 17 very high frequency radio relay and terminal installations at widely separated

rated locations throughout the Eighth United States Army area and the Republic of Korea Army communications zone. Five of the radio relay sites were located on high mountain peaks and three were accessible only by foot, making it necessary to hand-carry all supplies and equipment over steep mountain trails. The battalion continuously operated an average of 23 very high frequency radio circuits and established a superior operational efficiency. This high standard was attained while employing very high frequency radio equipment under operational conditions which far exceeded the normal range established for this type of equipment. The *Signal Service Battalion (Very High Frequency)*, 8189th Army Unit, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units. The loyalty, aggressiveness, 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 573, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 16 June 1953.*)

III..REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.—1. So much of DA General Orders 20, 1953, pertaining to the 3d Infantry Division and attached units, as reads "38th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How, SP)" is amended to read "58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How, SP)."

2. So much of DA General Orders 31, 1953, pertaining to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group, and attached units, as reads "Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group, and attached units" is amended to read "Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group, and attached units (second award)." *Prescribed*

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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