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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. *The 7th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 December 1952 to 1 June 1953. Assigned the mission of planning, recommending, and executing actions to seize and exploit counterintelligence targets within a United States division sector, the detachment consistently demonstrated a superior capacity for extracting information of intelligence and counterintelligence value by interrogating suspected enemy agents, subversive persons, and prisoners of war. Although handicapped by personnel shortages and inadequate investigative facilities, the detachment maintained its ability to furnish security lectures, investigate suspected acts of sabotage, and to check and enforce security measures. The *7th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The diligence, cooperation, and loyalty exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 711, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 31 July 1953.*)

2. *The Medical Company, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3d 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 December 1950 to 1 December 1951. Assigned the mission of providing medical aid to the 7th Infantry Regiment and its attached units, this company consistently carried out its duties in an exemplary manner despite extremely unfavorable circumstances. Working under the most extreme weather conditions on mountainous terrain fully exposed to enemy observation and fire, its members effected the prompt treatment and evacuation of the sick and wounded and were directly responsible for saving the lives of many United Nations combat troops. Displaying resourcefulness and a steadfast determination of purpose, the company not only provided complete facilities for the treatment of combat casualties, but also instituted an outstanding preventive medicine program which kept communicable diseases and cold-caused injuries to a minimum. The outstanding medical skill and the singular ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles which this company displayed earned for its members the respect and admiration of all those having knowledge of their unusually effective performance and materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. The *Medical Company, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The high standard of excellence, the esprit de corps, and the technical proficiency displayed by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 605, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 6 October 1952.*)

3. *The 7th Quartermaster Petroleum Products Laboratory* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in sup-

port of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 February to 31 December 1952. Traveling approximately 4,000 miles monthly, this small unit maintained a constant quality surveillance program for millions of gallons of petroleum products consumed by combat units, supply points, and Air Force installations in forward areas in Korea. Frequently conducting tests in locations under enemy observation and exposed to hostile fire, the personnel of the unit worked tirelessly to insure that a high quality of petroleum products was maintained at all times. In addition, members of the unit rendered valuable technical assistance to combat troops in the preparation and use of napalm. While carrying out their normal mission in an exemplary manner, the unit rendered substantial savings to the Government by developing methods for the salvage of low-quality petroleum products for other use. The 7th Quartermaster Petroleum Products Laboratory displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to earn the praise of all those having knowledge of their work. The technical proficiency, esprit de corps, and determination of purpose exhibited by the members of this unit reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 199, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 6 February 1953.*)

4. The 14th Field Hospital is cited for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations, in Korea, from 1 January 1952 to 31 January 1953. Assigned responsibility for administering medical and surgical treatment to prisoner of war sick and wounded, the members of the 14th Field Hospital displayed commendable resourcefulness and devotion to duty in accomplishing a highly sensitive medical mission in consonance with the humanitarian principles of the Geneva Convention. With complete impartiality, professional and medical service personnel devoted their skills and abilities to assuage the pain and discomfort of combat-wounded prisoners, and provided expert definitive, general hospital-type care and emergency treatment to internees incarcerated in United Nations Prisoner of War Camps, including plastic and orthopedic rehabilitation and fitting of dental, ocular, and upper and lower extremity prostheses. The notable contributions of the 14th Field Hospital furthered the medical mission in the Far East, reflecting great credit upon its members individually and collectively and upholding the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 201, United States Army Forces, Far East, 4 August 1953.*)

5. The 34th Replacement Company, Inchon Replacement Depot, 8057th Army Unit, formerly the 510th Replacement Company, 110th Replacement Battalion, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea from 1 November 1951 to 24 March 1953. Responsible for receiving, processing, providing logistical support, and transporting replacements, rotatees, and hospital returnees, members of the company constantly strove to improve facilities and service for personnel staged through the depot. In addition, they assisted units with the billeting and messing of troops on rest and recuperation leave when adjacent facilities were inadequate or unavailable. The company effected construction of a shower unit, dayroom, various recreational facilities, and provided daily movies, frequent musical concerts and specialty acts, enhancing morale and furthering mutual understanding and amity. The commendable achievements of the 34th Replacement Company contributed materially to the United Nations' campaign for international peace, reflecting great credit upon its members individually and col-

lectively and upholding the esteemed traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 211, United States Army Forces, Far East, 14 August 1953.*)

6. The 38th Ordnance Company (Direct Support) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 December 1952 to 20 July 1953. Charged with the responsibility of providing ordnance supplies and maintenance service for various combat organizations which it supported, the company consistently rendered the highest type of service. The outstanding determination displayed by the personnel of this company enabled it to function with no decline in efficiency despite losses of trained personnel. During the period, the company completed the turn-in of all World War II type vehicles, the issue of new "M" series vehicles, and the receipt and issue of ordnance major items and spare parts. A rigorous on-the-job training program was established and maintained to train inexperienced replacements. Through the willingness of its members to work long arduous hours, the company was able to render repair and maintenance on all types of vehicles, small-arms, artillery pieces and instruments for supported units in the most expeditious manner. The 38th Ordnance Company (Direct Support) displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, and ability exhibited by members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 748, Eighth United States Army, 14 August 1953.*)

7. The 40th Infantry Division Band is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 15 July 1952 to 15 April 1953. Charged with the responsibility of playing for various division functions throughout the command, the band consistently displayed the highest qualities of professional competence. When the division was committed to combat on the main line of resistance, the marching band was broken into smaller units which were assigned the dual task of maintaining security guard for the Division Command Post and furnishing morale-building support for the various unit rest centers. The band was later reformed into a single organization and throughout the severe winter months made daily trips to scattered units of the division to perform at military functions. Although faced with constant rotation of personnel, a critical problem in a musical aggregation, the band consistently rendered superior programs with no decline in the quality of the music. The 40th Infantry Division Band displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this band reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 749, Eighth United States Army, 15 August 1953.*)

8. The 45th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, attached operationally to the 45th Infantry Division, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 15 May 1952 to 15 May 1953. The detachment was assigned the mission of keeping the division free from subversive penetration. Displaying outstanding qualities of aggressiveness and courage, the members of the detachment not only successfully neutralized the intelligence activities of a well-trained, alert, hostile unit but also diligently stressed the necessity for security measures

in every phase of the division's operation, thereby attaining close relationships with all levels of the command. The detachment exhibited a genuine aggressiveness and determination in each task to which it was assigned, a factor which was greatly responsible for the exceptional record it attained. The *45th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, 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 731, Eighth United States Army, 8 August 1953.*)

9. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52d Transportation Truck Battalion*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 25 September 1950 to 31 August 1952. Charged with providing technical and administrative supervision for various transportation units, this company successfully completed all assigned tasks despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Working under extremely hazardous conditions, its members played a vital part in the amphibious assault of Inchon, the liberation of Seoul, and the subsequent United Nations offensive. Later, during an extremely critical period, the company established and operated traffic regulation points which provided invaluable control of a heavily traveled main supply route. This company supervised the hauling of a total of over 156,000 military personnel and well over three quarters of a million tons of essential supplies to provide vital logistical support for units engaged in actual conflict with the enemy. The superior manner in which this company handled all assignments earned for its members the respect and admiration of all those having knowledge of their superior performance and materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52d Transportation Truck Battalion*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The high standard of excellence, the esprit de corps, and the steadfast determination of purpose displayed by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 605, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 6 October 1952.*)

10. The *58th Military Police Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period from 1 November 1952 to 30 April 1953. Charged with the responsibility of providing security for thousands of tons of supplies and equipment moving through the 7th Transportation Major Port, members of the unit displayed exemplary devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult assignments. With resourcefulness, skill, and determination, the company's personnel effected maximum utilization of the limited physical facilities available, maintained patrols, posts, and checkpoints and, through strict surveillance, reduced pilferage to a minimum. Through the media of intensive training courses for military and indigenous personnel, harmonious liaison with Republic of Korea law enforcement agencies, and aggressive actions the company provided a high degree of military police protection in the port area. The morale, discipline, and commendable performance of the *58th Military Police Company* in all phases of its activities contributed significantly to the accomplishment of the mission of the United Nations in Korea, reflecting great credit

upon the unit and upholding the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 211, United States Army Forces, Far East, 14 August 1953.*)

11. The *185th Engineer Combat Battalion* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 January to 30 June 1953. Assigned the mission of rendering support to a United States Corps, the battalion consistently performed its difficult tasks in a highly commendable manner. Despite serious difficulty occasioned by rapid turnover of personnel, the battalion maintained supply routes, constructed bridges, cleared mine fields, and built roads with great efficiency and speed. An example of the exceptional accomplishment of this organization was the construction of a 6-mile pioneer road in approximately 80 days with portions of the road driven through rock and mined areas. The *185th Engineer Combat Battalion* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, 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 695, Eighth United States Army, 26 July 1953.*)

12. The *304th Signal Battalion (Operation)* (third award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 September 1952 to 30 June 1953. The battalion was assigned the mission of providing signal facilities for the Eighth United States Army, including photographic service involving still, motion and television photography, telephone and teletype service, and communications center facilities, with motor messengers and air couriers. The battalion also furnished radio teletype service to subordinate and higher headquarters and later for air-ground liaison activities and operation of the Joint Operations Center. These communications were afforded the press at the United Nations Command base camp and during the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war at Munsan-Ni and Panmunjom. Despite a constant operational problem occasioned by a rapid turnover of personnel, the battalion consistently performed all of its assigned tasks in the most expeditious and efficient manner. The *304th Signal Battalion (Operation)* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, and esprit de corps exhibited by members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 694, Eighth United States Army, 20 July 1953.*)

13. The *513th Military Police Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period from 1 November 1952 to 30 April 1953. Assigned the mission of providing security for vast quantities of cargo passing through the 7th Transportation Major Port, members of the unit displayed unusual resourcefulness and skill in accomplishing assigned missions. Operating harbor patrols, roving posts, static posts, roadblocks, and check points, and by intensive training courses for military and indigenous personnel in police methods and techniques, the company achieved and maintained very high standards of operational efficiency. Similarly, investigative and customs personnel, trained and furnished by the unit, were instrumental in the recovery of thousands of dollars' worth of Government property. Despite the heavy workload and a

critical shortage of personnel, the company provided effective protection for Government property and security cargo aboard ships, in transit and in warehouses and, through strict surveillance, reduced pilferage to a minimum. The esprit de corps, determination of purpose, and exemplary devotion to duty demonstrated by the members of the *512th Military Police Company* significantly furthered the accomplishment of the mission of the United Nations in Korea, reflecting great credit upon the unit and upholding the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 209, United States Army Forces, Far East, 12 August 1953.*)

14. The *534th Engineer Technical Intelligence Team (Research)* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 4 January to 4 July 1953. Responsible for furnishing the Eighth Army Engineer with information concerning enemy engineer capabilities and equipment, the team consistently displayed an acute cognizance of the responsibilities with which it was entrusted. The team was active in interrogating prisoners of war, interpreting aerial photographs, studying captured enemy equipment, material and documents, and performing experiments and comparative tests of United States and enemy equipment. Responsible also for the intelligence processing of both South Korean and United Nations prisoners of war, the team performed each assigned task in a highly commendable manner. Through its superior efforts, many new enemy procedures and practices were uncovered and reported, resulting in great savings both of manpower and material for the United Nations forces. The *534th Engineer Technical Intelligence Team (Research)* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, and esprit de corps displayed by the members of this team reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 719, Eighth United States Army, 3 August 1953.*)

15. The *558th Military Police Company* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 11 June 1952 to 30 June 1953. Assigned the mission of providing security for Headquarters Eighth United States Army, the United Nations Base Camp at Munsan-Ni, and the armistice conference site at Panmunjom, the company consistently displayed a comprehensive understanding of its vital function. From 2 until 5 December 1952, the company was charged with the responsibility of safeguarding President-elect Eisenhower during his visit to Korea, providing both vehicular escort and personal security. In spite of difficulties occasioned by existing language barriers and constant turnover of personnel, the company was successful in maintaining a high level of efficiency and accuracy in all of its operations. The *558th Military Police Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The loyalty, cooperation, 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 712, Eighth United States Army, 31 July 1953.*)

16. The *560th Military Police Company, 91st Military Police Battalion*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 December 1952 to 31 May 1953. Charged with the difficult mission of providing military police

services in the refugee-crowded city of Pusan, Korea, members of the unit displayed exemplary determination and resourcefulness in accomplishing assigned missions. In addition to traffic control and the maintenance of law and order, the company maintained investigative, apprehension, and property recovery teams which greatly enhanced the effectiveness of the unit and were instrumental in the return to military control of thousands of dollars worth of government property. Despite the language barrier and a shortage of trained personnel, investigations were conducted in an efficient, impersonal manner and the unit was universally respected for the professional competence and complete impartiality of its personnel in the conduct of operations. The morale, discipline, and outstanding devotion to duty demonstrated by the members of the *560th Military Police Company* contributed significantly to the accomplishment of the mission of the United Nations in Korea, reflecting great credit upon the unit and upholding the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 207, United States Army Forces, Far East, 10 August 1953.*)

17. The *561st Medical Company (Ambulance) (Separate)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period from 1 June 1952 to 30 April 1953. Assigned the vital mission of providing ambulance service for widely separated medical facilities in Korea, members of the unit displayed unusual skill and resourcefulness in accomplishing the unit's mission. The thorough training and high degree of efficiency of the unit were reflected in the prompt and courteous service furnished for three station hospitals, the Swedish Red Cross Hospital, the 14th Field Hospital, and the 8138th Army Unit Hospital Train in the Korean Communications Zone. During Operation Little Switch an additional ambulance platoon was organized in minimum time and transferred to Munsan, Korea, for operation in the exchange of captured sick and wounded personnel. Despite the heavy workload and a shortage of equipment and trained personnel, the company continued to provide superior ambulance service. The exemplary devotion to duty, tenacity of purpose, and commendable actions of the *561st Medical Company* significantly furthered the accomplishment of the medical mission in support of the United Nations in Korea, reflecting great credit upon the unit and upholding the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 214, United States Army Forces, Far East, 17 August 1953.*)

18. The *629th Medical Company (Clearing) (Separate)* (third award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 October 1952 to 30 June 1953. Assigned the mission of evacuating patients from forward areas to rear hospitals, the company consistently performed its duties in an efficient, highly commendable manner. Often functioning under extremely adverse combat conditions, the company was responsible for handling the evacuation of all patients from X Corps sector and providing local dispensary and holding facilities for the corps and for portions of Eighth Army area. During this period, the company provided expeditious and safe evacuation for approximately 19,800 patients. Through the unique capacity of its members for working as a well-coordinated, smoothly functioning element with an outstanding unity of purpose, many patients who might otherwise have been lost to their units were treated and returned to duty without further evacuation. The *629th Medical Company (Clearing) (Separate)* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other

units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, 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 732, Eighth United States Army, 8 August 1953.*)

19. The 707th Ordnance Battalion (third award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 27 July 1952 to 1 July 1953. Assigned the mission of providing ordnance support to front-line units engaged in active combat, the battalion consistently rendered the highest type of service in a most efficient and expeditious manner. Elements of the battalion worked in close support with combat units inspecting and repairing vehicles, weapons, and equipment. Recovery sections worked in areas exposed to enemy observation and fire in order to retrieve damaged equipment abandoned on the battlefield. Ordnance service to include vehicle and armament repair in place and the replacement of individual and crew-served weapons was projected as far forward as the tactical situation would permit. Even though faced with difficulties occasioned by a fluid tactical situation and a shortage of both trained personnel and equipment, the battalion kept its operational efficiency at a maximum. The 707th Ordnance Battalion displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, and esprit de corps exhibited by members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 721, Eighth United States Army, 4 August 1953.*)

20. The 724th Transportation Battalion (Railway Operating), formerly the 724th Transportation Railway Operating Battalion, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 1 September 1952 to 28 February 1953. Assigned the major responsibility of operating the Korean National Railway, members of the 724th Transportation Battalion (Railway Operating) exhibited outstanding diligence and ability in carrying out their demanding assignments and in establishing an unparalleled record in military railroad operation in Korea. Despite limited personnel, obsolete equipment, and adverse weather conditions, they maintained a daily 24-hour operational schedule covering an extensive mountainous area and expeditiously transported an unprecedented tonnage of supplies and equipment in addition to troops of the various United Nations contingents. When faced with the loss of skilled technicians because of rotation of personnel, the battalion rapidly trained replacements, achieving and maintaining the highest standards of operational efficiency. The conscientious teamwork, devotion to duty, and esprit de corps of the members of the battalion contributed significantly to the success of the mission of the Transportation Corps, reflecting great credit upon themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 211, United States Army Forces, Far East, 14 August 1953.*)

21. The Headquarters Company, Incheon Replacement Depot, 8057th Army Unit, formerly the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 110th Replacement Battalion, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea from 1 January 1952 to 14 April 1953. Responsible for staff supervision, administrative and logistical support for assigned units, the replacement depot supplied and billeted

approximately 310,000 incoming and outgoing casualties staged through the port of Inchon, and processed numerous reprofiled personnel for transfer to sundry units in Korea. Members of the depot devoted their skills and abilities to improve the overall welfare and comfort of transient personnel through establishment of recreational, educational, and orientation programs, clubs and post exchanges, bolstering morale and esprit de corps and attaining a high index of operating efficiency. The exemplary contributions of the *Headquarters Company, Inchon Replacement Depot*, furthered the United Nations' first joint armed endeavor to attain world peace, reflecting great credit upon its members individually and collectively and upholding the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 211, United States Army Forces, Far East, 14 August 1953.*)

22. The *Hospital Train, 8188th Army Unit* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea from 1 July 1952 to 31 March 1953. This unit rendered close support to the forward medical facilities, evacuating large numbers of battle casualties with speed and efficiency, while at the same time providing the utmost in medical care and comfort. The members of this unit displayed outstanding ability and initiative in overcoming the many problems engendered by excessive patient loads and difficult operating conditions. The *Hospital Train, 8188th Army Unit*, displayed outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, and the superior technical ability, compassionate regard for the welfare of their patients, and consistently high standard of operating efficiency exhibited by the members of this unit, individually and collectively, reflect great credit upon themselves and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 211, United States Army Forces, Far East, 14 August 1953.*)

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