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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 *3d Medical Battalion, 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 15 November 1950 to 20 October 1951. Arriving in Korea during an extremely critical phase of hostilities, this battalion acquitted itself at all times in a superlative manner. For over 11 months, the *3d Medical Battalion* provided medical support to the *3d Infantry Division*, often performing its mission in close proximity to the enemy in order to expedite the treatment and evacuation of the sick and wounded. It also supported the medical companies and detachments of the division with logistical medical service, carrying out this mission in such an exemplary manner that critically essential medical supplies and equipment were always available. Despite the many trying problems engendered by rough terrain, adverse weather, and difficult operating conditions, the members constantly operated at peak efficiency, rendering the optimum in modern medical treatment to the numerous casualties entrusted to them. The *3d Medical Battalion, 3d Infantry Division*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The superb technical skill, uncompromising devotion to duty, and compassionate regard for the welfare of their patients exhibited by the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 197, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 15 April 1952.*)

2. The *3d Signal Company, 3d Infantry Division*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 15 October 1950 to 15 April 1951. During this period, the company installed and maintained over 5,000 miles of field wire telephone lines over all types of mountainous terrain. Installing, operating, and maintaining over 60 switchboard installations averaging over 80 telephones an installation, switchboard personnel handled a volume of traffic comparable to that of a corps switchboard installation. The *3d Signal Company's* motor messengers, delivering message traffic to divisional units, drove over 54,000 miles without a single accident. The radio and radio relay operations of the company were paramount in the success of the signal communications of the division. The signal maintenance shops received, repaired, and returned 3,944 pieces of signal equipment. For publicity purposes, tactical and technical study, terrain features, intelligence studies of enemy personnel, and equipment and material, the signal photographic facilities took a total of 2,639 ground photographs. In addition, 57 aerial photographic missions were flown over enemy territory taking low level photographs of enemy positions, road networks, and river crossings. The *3d Signal Company* displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The outstanding achievements of the *3d Signal Company, 3d Infantry Division*, during this period reflect great credit on its members, the Signal Corps, and the military service of the United States.

(General Orders 471, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 28 June 1951.)

3. The 4th Aerial Photo Interpretation Company is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 June to 30 November 1951. Responsible for collecting, interpreting, and collating aerial reconnaissance photographs and with disseminating this vital information to Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, and its subordinate commands, the members of this company consistently carried out their vital mission in an expeditious and accurate manner. Although their tasks were exacting and often appeared impossible to accomplish, personnel of the 4th Aerial Photo Interpretation Company approached each new problem with the utmost self-assurance and methodically investigated every facet until it was successfully resolved. In this manner, numerous precedents were investigated and either revised or replaced with more efficient ones, thus enabling this company to perform its mission with unsurpassed excellence and making possible the establishment of new operational procedures well worthy of emulation by units of this type in all future campaigns. The 4th Aerial Photo Interpretation Company displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with a similar mission. The diligence, resourcefulness, and high standard of efficiency exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (General Orders 214, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 23 April 1952.)

4. The 59th Military Police Company is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 27 November 1950 to 1 March 1952. During the vital Hungnam evacuation in December 1950, the responsibility for evacuating 90,000 refugees fell to the members of this company. Despite the magnitude of their task, they approached it with the utmost self-assurance and carried it out in a manner which elicited the highest possible praise from all those having knowledge of their fine work. Upon arriving in Pusan, this company immediately assumed control of the main supply route carrying supplies to the hard-pressed United Nations troops and policed it in a praiseworthy manner. After being assigned to the city of Taegu, whose 600,000 population previously had been controlled by a composite detachment of a relatively few military policemen, the members of this company set about to bring order to a city which was rampant with black-market activities, narcotics, prostitution, and larceny and which was a haven for military absentees. In the months that followed, the 59th Military Police Company, despite the fact that it was almost continually understrength, exercised every facility at its command and, through the diligence, resourcefulness, and esprit de corps of its members, caused a significant reduction in the incidence of crime in its sector of responsibility. The 59th Military Police Company displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult and often hazardous tasks as to set it apart and above other units with a similar mission. The outstanding ability and uncompromising devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves, the Military Police Corps, and the military service of the United States. (General Orders 223, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 29 April 1952.)

5. The *95th Military Police Battalion* with the assigned *142d Military Police Escort Guard Company (Mobile)* (then 2d Provisional Military Police Escort Guard Company and the Military Police Prisoner of War Processing Company, 8210th Army Unit), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 28 October 1950 to 31 December 1951. From the date of its activation and initial commitment at Inchon, Korea, the *95th Military Police Battalion* fulfilled its numerous and exacting assignments in an exemplary manner despite the most adverse conditions of weather and terrain and a severe shortage of essential personnel. Assigned the difficult mission of collecting, processing, quartering, messing, and evacuating enemy prisoners of war from the forward areas to United Nations prisoner of war inclosures in the rear, the members of this battalion consistently carried out their tasks in a manner which elicited the highest possible praise from those having knowledge of their fine work. Despite the frequent movement of the four transient camps operated by this battalion, necessitated by the extremely fluid tactical situation, an unusually high standard of efficiency was maintained. Over 120,000 prisoners of war were transported a total of 1½ million miles over rough and guerrilla-infested terrain by the personnel of this battalion in the accomplishment of their mission, thereby earning them a matchless reputation for proficiency. The *95th Military Police Battalion* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The outstanding skill and determination of purpose exhibited by the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves, the Military Police Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 223, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 29 April 1952.*)

6. The *330th Communication Reconnaissance Company (Intelligence)* is cited for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 9 October 1950 to 1 September 1951. Charged with an extremely important classified mission, the accomplishment of which proved of vital significance to the successful combat operations against the enemy, the members of this company displayed the ultimate in determination and resourcefulness in carrying out their assigned task. Despite the numerous obstacles confronting this unit upon its arrival in Korea, its members approached each problem as it arose with the utmost self-assurance and resolved it in a manner which elicited the highest praise from those cognizant of their fine work. Although necessarily operating considerably under-strength and often lacking in necessary equipment, the personnel of this company maintained a standard of efficiency which is unsurpassed and contributed immeasurably toward furthering the cause of the United Nations' first armed bid for peace. The *330th Communication Reconnaissance Company (Intelligence)* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The outstanding technical ability and unstinting devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 214, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 23 April 1952.*)

7. The *336th Engineer Utilities Detachment* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 9 March 1951 to 30 April 1952. Through-
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out this period, the members of this detachment consistently discharged their many important assignments with the utmost promptness and precision, never failing to complete a given task before its target date. Despite the most adverse circumstances, countless construction, operation, and maintenance missions were carried out with singular success by this detachment, many of such magnitude that normally they would have required a much larger unit. Although functioning understrength for most of this period, the personnel of this detachment, through their singleness of purpose, resourcefulness, and outstanding technical ability, were able to approach seemingly impossible tasks and surmount them with such effectiveness as to earn themselves the highest praise from all those cognizant of their fine work and a reputation for operational efficiency which is unsurpassed. The 336th Engineer Utilities Detachment displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The skill, ingenuity, and constant attention to duty exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 270, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 26 May 1952.*)

8. The 352d Communication Reconnaissance Company (Security) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 March 1951 to 29 February 1952. Charged with a vitally important and highly classified task, the members of this company carried out their exacting assignments in a consistently exemplary manner. Although the mission of this company was of an unprecedented magnitude, normally calling for three units of comparable size, it was approached with the utmost self-assurance and each problem was met and resolved in a manner which elicited the highest possible praise from all those having knowledge of its fine work. Despite severe shortages of essential equipment and experienced personnel, a high standard of efficiency was maintained and implemented until a peak of effectiveness was reached that was incredible for a unit of this size. The dedication to duty, exceptional technical skill, and esprit de corps displayed by the members of this company did much to enhance the combat effectiveness of the units which they served and materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. The 352d Communications Reconnaissance Company (Security) exhibited such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The diligence, resourcefulness, and singleness of purpose manifested by the personnel of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 270, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 26 May 1952.*)

9. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 32d Engineer Construction Group, is cited for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 12 February to 31 December 1951. Despite adverse conditions, the members of this unit assisted their group commander in directing the efforts of the group in such an effective manner as to earn great praise from all those having knowledge of its operations. Notwithstanding a severe shortage of trained personnel and essential equipment, they overcame all difficulties which arose to earn for the group an enviable reputation for speed and precision. Exercising exceptional plan-

ning ability and resourcefulness, they made possible a continuous flow of critically needed supplies to the combat units. Executing their numerous and difficult tasks under hardships imposed by inclement weather and frequent enemy activity, *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 32d Engineer Construction Group*, displayed outstanding devotion to duty, superior technical skill, perseverance, and esprit de corps, thereby reflecting great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States.

10. *Headquarters Company, Eighth United States Army, Korea* (second award), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 February 1951 to 31 January 1952. Throughout this period, this company established and maintained many command posts which contributed immeasurably to the tactical efficiency of the Eighth United States Army. Of particular importance was the part played by the members of *Headquarters Company* in the historic events attendant to the United Nations armistice negotiations at Kaesong and Panmunjom. Personnel of this unit were among the first to make contact with the enemy forces when the talks began. Charged with the establishment of suitable facilities for United Nations representatives at the conference sites, the members of this company carried out their mission in a superior and expeditious manner, despite extremely adverse operating conditions. In addition, the normal duties of the company, such as providing mess facilities, logistical support and administrative control for the members of *Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea*, and messing and billeting thousands of transient personnel, were carried out with characteristic skill. *Headquarters Company, Eighth United States Army, Korea*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with a similar mission. The determination of purpose and outstanding ability exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 197, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 15 April 1952.*)

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