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REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.—The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation which was awarded by the Republic of Korea to the following units of the United States Army is confirmed in accordance with AR 220-315:

Units

Headquarters Far East Command Long Lines Signal Group, 8226th Army Unit.
Signal Service Company Number 1, Far East Command Long Lines Signal Group, 8226th Army Unit.
Signal Service Company Number 2, Far East Command Long Lines Signal Group, 8226th Army Unit.
Signal Service Detachment Number 3 (Wire Construction Battalion), Far East Command Long Lines Signal Group, 8226th Army Unit.
518th Signal Radio Relay Company.

Citation

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION awarded by citation dated 29 July 1952, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for exceptionally meritorious service and heroism during the period from July 1950 to 29 July 1952, inclusive, with citation as follows:

The Far East Command Long Lines Signal Group, 8226th Army Unit (and its assigned subordinate units) is hereby cited for its tireless farsighted efforts, resourcefulness, and skill in assisting the rehabilitation plans of the Republic of Korea. Under the superior leadership of Colonel Wilbert A. Speir, Colonel Louis J. Tatom, Lieutenant Colonel William E. Frame, and the present Commanding Officer, Colonel Alexander S. Edmonston, it has achieved an enviable record of both military and economic accomplishments. This Group, realizing that communications were vital from both military and economic viewpoints, successfully repaired and placed into operation the vital 10-quad underground Mukden Cable; this project involved 3,570 kilometers of 4-wire circuits. Repairs were made under the most adverse weather and terrain conditions on a round-the-clock basis, and in many cases in areas of intense guerrilla activity. The organization successfully trained 600 Republic of Korea Army recruits and formed them into a composite unit of American and Korean soldiers which installed, and still maintains, 6,400 circuit miles of copper open wire over some of the most difficult terrain in Korea under extremely adverse weather conditions. Despite language barriers, the spirit of mutual respect and admiration has done much to aid the common cause of freedom. Utilizing the services of all personnel available, American and Korean soldiers and civilians, this Group further added to their accomplishments by installing 19,650 circuit miles of aerial and underground cable under extremely adverse conditions. The military and economic need for additional communication facilities prompted the plan-

ning and installation of a two-thousand-line, thirty-position, two-hundred-trunk switchboard in the Pusan area. This installation known as the "Galveston switchboard" has provisions for an additional one thousand lines. Its operation and maintenance utilizes Korean operators. The Signal Group also initiated, planned, and successfully executed a program to recover damaged and inoperative field wire and various types of cable. This project resulted in recovery of over seven hundred miles of this highly valuable material.

Farsighted planning has resulted in a speedy recovery of most of Korea's communications network. The mutual respect, admiration, and comradeship engendered in these projects have furthered the fight against the Communist aggressors and contributed to our mutual understanding.

Through the initiative, skill, and zealous endeavors of all members, the record of achievement of the Far East Command Long Lines Signal Group reflects most favorably upon the United States Army, the military profession, and the cause of the United Nations.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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