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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 *First Finance Disbursing Section* 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 31 January 1952. Activated during a critical phase of hostilities, the section, consisting of 3 officers and 30 enlisted men, rendered superior finance service to both combat and supporting troops of the Eighth Army. During this fluid period of operations, the section was forced to reestablish itself in 10 different locations. Although many of the moves were made under extremely adverse conditions, the efficiency of the section remained at a consistently high level through the cooperation and determination of the personnel. Responsible for making payment to indigenous personnel as well as an average of 18,000 troops monthly, the section accomplished every phase of its duties with the same commendable degree of accuracy and speed. In June 1951, the section was instrumental in putting into effect a new series of Military Payment Certificates, a project which was accomplished with a minimum of confusion. The *First Finance Disbursing Section* 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 section reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 667, Eighth United States Army, 18 July 1953.*)

2. The *First Finance Disbursing Section* (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 1952 to 30 June 1953. During this period, immediately following a fluid tactical situation in which the section had reestablished itself 10 times, the unit, a self-supporting organization, provided superior finance service to a troop strength considerably in excess of that normally supervised by a section its size. Although functioning with inadequate equipment and hampered by an acute shortage of personnel and supplies, the section accomplished its tasks with no decline in efficiency or accuracy. In June 1952, the section processed 24,000 military pay records to be shipped to the military pay division and processed a similar number to be used in paying troops throughout the ensuing pay cycle. Conducting a vigorous on-the-job training program for newly assigned personnel, the section consistently maintained the highest standards of performance. The *First Finance Disbursing Section* 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, 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 669, Eighth United States Army, 19 July 1953.*)

3. The *2d Medical Battalion* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July 1952 to 30 June 1953. Charged with the mission TAGO 516B—Aug. 270475—53

of providing medical, surgical, and dental care to the personnel of the 2d Infantry Division, the battalion at all times carried out its duties in a highly commendable manner. Despite formidable obstacles imposed by extreme climatic conditions, hazardous terrains, rapid turnover of personnel, and fluid combat operations, the battalion operated with a high degree of efficiency. Because the battalion, of necessity, was split into separate functioning teams capable of independent operations, it encountered the additional difficulty of maintaining liaison over widespread geographical locations. The supreme sense of unity and common effort exhibited by the members of the battalion insured the highest level of duty performance. The 2d Medical 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 loyalty, resourcefulness, 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 678, Eighth United States Army, 21 July 1953.*)

4. The 4th Aerial Photo Interpretation Company (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 December 1951 to 31 May 1953. Throughout this period, the company admirably performed the mission of providing the Eighth Army and subordinate commands with vital enemy intelligence and disseminating the information through the Eighth Army G-2 Section. The company also assisted in training photo interpretation personnel for various corps and divisions within the command and in establishing and maintaining a photo interpretation school for the Republic of Korea Army personnel. Cognizant at all times of the necessity for speed and accuracy in operations, the company continually implemented methods to expedite the flow of intelligence and to assure its reaching the organizations concerned in time for them to successfully integrate it into combat tactics. The 4th Aerial Photo Interpretation 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 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 649, Eighth United States Army, 12 July 1953.*)

5. The 20th Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment is cited for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 10 October 1951 to 1 May 1953. Charged with the investigation of criminal offenses committed by and against the United Nations' forces and post-capture offenses committed by prisoners of war and civilian internees on Koje-do, Korea, members of the unit displayed commendable determination and resourcefulness in accomplishing assigned missions. The need for transferring prisoners between camps to segregate trouble makers, agitators, and organizers further complicated investigations involving prisoners of war. Despite this handicap and the language barrier, investigations were completed with a remarkable degree of efficiency. Post-capture offenses opened a new field of investigation, and the unit pioneered and established valuable precedents for future investigations. Although subjects of many of these investigations were prisoners of war, members of the 20th Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment were exceptionally successful in fixing responsibility. Investigations were conducted in an unbiased, impersonal manner

and the unit was universally respected for the professional competence and complete impartiality of its personnel in the conduct of operations, which reflect the highest credit on the unit and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. (*General Orders 179, United States Army Forces, Far East, 15 July 1953.*)

6. The *25th Infantry Division Band* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 10 January 1951 to 31 August 1952. Committed to the mission of furnishing entertainment for combat elements in front-line sectors in Korea, the band at all times dispatched its duties in a superior manner. Despite the difficulties occasioned by a continuous turnover in personnel, a formidable obstacle in a musical aggregation, the members of the band never faltered in their determination to provide only the highest standards of entertainment. Playing for troops in some of the worst areas of the front, the band consistently rendered exceptional concerts in all types of weather under all conditions. It repeatedly performed in areas which brought it under direct enemy observation and fire. The *25th 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 646, Eighth United States Army, 11 July 1953.*)

7. The *25th Station Hospital* (formerly the *25th Evacuation Hospital*) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of the medical mission in Korea during the period 1 November 1951 to 1 March 1953. Given the mission of caring for the sick, injured, and wounded as an evacuation-type hospital installation, the unit, because exigencies of medical operations necessitated, actually accomplished more than its stated mission—in effect, it operated as a station hospital, communications zone. Although the number of personnel were limited by virtue of the evacuation-type hospital table of organization, members of the *25th Station Hospital* accepted the additional responsibilities and accomplished the mission in an exemplary manner. During a period when combat operations resulted in heavy casualties which required hospitalization and evacuation, the hospital faced the problem of moving its entire operation from one site to a new location, while at the same time caring for patients as usual. By supreme effort, close coordination and planning, and complete devotion to the successful accomplishment of the mission, the personnel of the organization worked long hours and performed complicated manual tasks without prejudice or complaint. When the movement was completed to new hospital quarters, the ingenuity and thorough planning was apparent everywhere in the improved facilities. The consistent high standard of operating efficiency, leadership, and teamwork of the *25th Station Hospital* reflects great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States.

8. The *84th Engineer Construction Battalion* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 18 November 1952 to 22 June 1953. Charged with the mission of constructing a vital and strategic bridge, the battalion undertook its task with superior aggressiveness and determination. Although constantly confronted with difficulties inherent to combat

conditions and natural hazards, the willingness to assume responsibility on the part of each individual enabled the battalion to overcome the most formidable obstacles. The structure, believed capable of withstanding seasonable floods, is a vital link in the communications system. The members of the battalion maintained a high standard of excellence in every phase of operations, functioning as a well-coordinated team at all times. The 84th Engineer Construction Battalion 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 591, Eighth United States Army, 22 June 1953.*)

9. The 95th Transportation Car Company (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 9 December 1952 to 26 June 1953. Commencing operations with a minimum of experience in the transportation car company field, this unit rendered superior support to three United States corps and the Korean Base Section. Often operating under extremely adverse conditions of weather and terrain, the company furnished transportation for all personnel of the staff sections of each of the four commands. Throughout this period, the company maintained an average of 253 vehicles and, by successfully instructing indigenous personnel in their operation, rendered transportation over more than 1,500,000 miles of rough and hazardous supply routes throughout Korea. Although elements of the company were widely dispersed because of the nature of their assignments, efficiency was consistently maintained at a superior level. The 95th Transportation Car 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 resourcefulness, initiative, and ability exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 680, Eighth United States Army, 22 July 1953.*)

10. The 123d Medical Holding Company is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 January to 30 June 1953. Functioning as an integral part of a neuropsychiatric treatment center, the company is the first and only facility of its kind in Korea. Since there were no precedents upon which to base projected operations, the members of the company were faced with innumerable complications which they resolved by their individual efforts and constant cooperation. A continuous level of excellent medical care was maintained and was responsible for all but a small percentage of casualties treated being returned to duty. The company played an outstanding part in the prevention of the loss of critical manpower in the Eighth Army combat area. The 123d Medical Holding Company displayed such unique devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units. The loyalty, 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 683, Eighth United States Army, 23 July 1953.*)

11. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 351st Transportation Highway Transport Group, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea.

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during the period 1 July 1952 to 30 June 1953. Throughout this period, the company rendered necessary administration, operational control, and logistical support for five transportation truck battalions engaged in transporting essential supplies, equipment, and personnel for United Nations combat forces. Demonstrating outstanding ability and singleness of purpose, the members of this company worked tirelessly to overcome the intricate problems encountered in establishing and maintaining liaison with elements of allied forces in Korea, and to overcome the operational difficulties entailed by continuous rotation of key personnel and extremely adverse operating conditions. Fulfilling its mission in a superior manner, the company successfully accomplished operational planning and control for the movement of numerous United Nations combat units. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 351st Transportation Highway Transport Group*, 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, skill, and esprit de corps exhibited by members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 681, Eighth United States Army, 22 July 1953.*)

12. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 443d Quartermaster Base Depot*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 April to 31 December 1952. The company was responsible for maintaining administrative, supervisory, and operational control over requisitioning, receipt, storage, and distribution of quartermaster class II and IV supplies to United States Army forces and United Nations troops. Through the aggressive determination of its members in refusing to let any obstacle, no matter how formidable, affect the efficiency of the company, it attained a superior record of achievement. Over 200 units and organizations were directly supplied with many thousands of tons of supplies each month, even during periods when rapid turnover of personnel imposed genuine hardships. By expeditiously handling and distributing supplies, the company contributed greatly to the combat readiness, health, welfare, and morale of Eighth Army service and combat units. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 443d Quartermaster Base Depot*, 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 company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 635, Eighth United States Army, 6 July 1953.*)

13. The *1092d Engineer Combat Battalion* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July 1952 to 31 March 1953. Functioning in general support of a United States corps, the battalion was responsible for the maintenance of an average of 73 miles of road and innumerable bridges within its area of responsibility and for accomplishing numerous other special engineering projects. Often working under hostile artillery fire in torrential rains or sub-zero weather, the personnel of the battalion exhibited an outstanding determination to keep roads and bridges open at all times so that critical supplies, material, and troops could be transported to areas where they were needed. Although it was continually understrength and hampered by a constant turnover of personnel, the battalion accomplished all its assigned missions in a highly

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commendable manner. The *1092d 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 cooperation, 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 665, Eighth United States Army, 17 July 1953.*)

14. The *American Forces Korea Network, 8214th Army Unit*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 1 August 1952 to 25 May 1953. The personnel of the *American Forces Korea Network, 8214th Army Unit*, operated all mobile and fixed radio stations of the network, maintained a daily 24-hour broadcast schedule, and, despite limited personnel and facilities, produced radio shows of such excellent quality that they have been rebroadcast in many other parts of the world. In addition, members of this unit repeatedly volunteered to accompany ground and air combat units in order to bring first-hand reports to their listening audiences through tape recordings of actual military engagements. The morale, discipline, and outstanding devotion to duty demonstrated by the members of the *American Forces Korea Network, 8214th Army Unit*, contributed materially to the esprit de corps of Eighth Army and Republic of Korea communications zone units and reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. *General Orders 193, United States Army Forces, Far East, 30 July 1953.*)

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