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MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 14, AR 220-315, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated. The citation reads as follows:

The *406th Medical General Laboratory (Com Z)* and the following assigned units:

U. S. Army Medical Research Detachment (8003), formerly Far East Medical Research Unit, 8003d Army Unit

48th Medical Detachment (Blood Bank Laboratory)

278th Medical Detachment (Illustration)

are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service, in Japan and Korea, from 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1954. Despite a multitude of commitments and numerous unprecedented problems posed by the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, officers and enlisted personnel of the *406th Medical General Laboratory (Com Z)* discharged their responsibilities with great resourcefulness and skill, adhering to a policy of unlimited service, courtesy, and helpfulness. While concurrently maintaining superior laboratory service in Japan, special medical research teams were sent to the combat zone to effect parasitological, bacteriological, and serological investigations, and to study epidemiological control measures. All human whole blood utilized in support of United Nations' military operations in Korea was procured, processed, stored, and shipped to front line areas by laboratory personnel. Through judicious exploitation of laboratory facilities and related functions, organic medical and technical personnel were instrumental in establishing the etiology of enteric diseases, minimizing the incidence of communicable diseases, and lent impetus to preventive and curative medical programs. Another major accomplishment was the scientific and technical training of Korean and Japanese national personnel which materially increased their skills and abilities in laboratory medicine and research, further cemented the bonds of international friendship, and advanced the prestige of the United States Army medical mission in the Far East. The commendable achievements, esprit de corps, and devotion to duty exhibited by personnel of the *406th Medical General Laboratory (Com Z)* reflect great credit upon its members individually and collectively and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.

By Order of Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

Official:

HERBERT M. JONES,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

Distribution:

Active Army: A.

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NG and USAR: B.

To be distributed on a need-to-know basis to all units and headquarters down to and including separate battalions (administrative) and to units and headquarters of comparable size and responsibility.