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MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.—By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 260-15, 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 *19th Quartermaster Subsistence Supply Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 15 October 1950 to 14 April 1951. Upon its arrival in Korea, the company immediately became engaged in establishing and operating quartermaster supply points in direct support of combat divisions. In order to maintain a continuous flow of class I supplies to combat elements, it frequently was necessary for the unit to displace and set up new supply points so that urgently needed supplies could be conveniently procured by forward units. The company willingly accepted around-the-clock schedules. The tireless efforts of the members of this unit resulted in the efficient operation of supply points. The receipt, storage, and issue of subsistence were handled expeditiously. Although this unit was designed to support only 100,000 troops and was operating at only 55 percent of its authorized strength, it nevertheless on many occasions serviced over twice that number. The *19th Quartermaster Subsistence Supply Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart from and above other units with a similar mission. The skill and determination demonstrated by members of the *19th Quartermaster Subsistence Supply Company* in performing their duties reflect great credit on themselves, the Quartermaster Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 734, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 26 September 1951.*)

2. The *89th Chemical Smoke Generator Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 25 September 1950 to 1 April 1951. During this period, the unit, while not performing its primary function, assumed tasks far out of relation to its normal scope of duty and accomplished them in a consistently superior manner. After its landing at Inchon, the company manned road blocks in that area, operated the Inchon Prisoner of War Camp, and established a chemical depot at Ascom City. Later, they also furnished security guards for the 7th Transportation Medium Port, and then moved forward once more to assist in handling ammunition and the performance of various ordnance missions in Hahung. Although the tactical situation frequently made it necessary for the company to fight as infantry, it nevertheless successfully operated transfer and supply points at Pohu-dong and Majandoug until the withdrawal of friendly forces from the Chosin Reservoir area was completed. Upon completion of the Chosin Reservoir evacuation, the unit assisted in loading aircraft during the Hungnam evacuation in a highly commendable manner. The unit then was transported by air to Pusan, where it was given the task of preparing napalm bombs for the Air Force. Despite the extreme hazards involved in mixing the napalm by hand, the personnel worked with a high degree of diligence and adeptness that resulted in the maximum effectiveness of bombs processed by them. The *89th Chemical Smoke Generator Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as

to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The skill and determination with which the members of this company performed their many nonrelated duties reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 701, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 18 September 1951.*)

3. The *82d Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 28 September 1950 to 26 March 1951. During this period, the company was assigned the mission of repair and maintenance of combat vehicles and armament of units participating in the Inchon landing and subsequent military operations. In addition to its regular assigned mission of processing, combat loading, and maintaining all tracked and armored vehicles, the unit unhesitatingly and efficiently provided vehicle maintenance for other units in the area, a job which the company was neither equipped nor designed to perform. Through the company's superior initiative, large quantities of ordnance equipment and supplies were rushed to front-line elements on a continuous around-the-clock operation. As a result of the ingenuity, resourcefulness, and zealous attention to duty of the personnel of this company, they were instrumental in organizing an assembly-line technique which resulted in the expeditious manner in which weapons were repaired and returned to front-line troops in a minimum of time. Evacuation teams recovered abandoned and disabled enemy vehicles in the rear of battle lines which were of vital importance for study and evaluation by ordnance specialists. Despite the fact that the personnel of the company were frequently subjected to enemy fire and other adverse conditions, they consistently furnished maintenance teams to forward units to assist and to instruct infantry and tank units in the maintenance of combat vehicles. By working in close contact with the fighting units, the company was able to maintain combat effectiveness of ordnance equipment for extended periods of time, thus increasing the combat efficiency of the units served. When it became necessary for the United Nations Forces to withdraw southward to more tenable positions because of the Chinese Communist intervention, the company successfully evacuated thousands of tons of equipment and supplies. The *82d Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart from and above other units with a similar mission. The skill and aggressiveness manifested by the members of this unit contributed materially to the success of combat operations in Korea and reflect great credit on themselves, the Ordnance Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 713, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 21 September 1951.*)

4. The *226th Signal Service Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 24 February to 24 August 1951. During this period, the company maintained and operated widespread communications facilities for the Eighth United States Army. Augmenting other signal units with operating personnel at key communication centers and operating many of the essential and vital switchboards, the company assured that maximum communications efficiency was supplied for the successful accomplishment of tactical operations. Although designed and equipped to function as an organization at one specific location, the rapidly changing tactical situation made it necessary for the unit to split into teams and detachments for assignments in various locations so that

effective communications and photographic coverage could be maintained throughout Korea. The willingness and initiative demonstrated by the members of this unit in carrying out their assigned missions, despite the fact that most of them had little or no training in certain phases of this work, contributed immeasurably to the superior communications network through the command. The 226th Signal Service Company displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart from and above other units with a similar mission. The high degree of skill and determination with which the members of this organization performed their duties reflect great credit on themselves, the Signal Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 713, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 21 September 1951.*)

5. The 252d Transportation Truck Company is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 1 January to 30 June 1951. This unit began operations in support of X Corps with a minimum of previous experience as a transportation truck company. During the period 9 January through 3 March, the unit performed admirably over the difficult roads and rapidly gained the experience necessary to give a performance equal to or better than more experienced truck units. The splendid performance of duty by this unit was credited with contributing materially to the success of the operations of X Corps. During the period 9 March through 8 June, the company was in direct support of combat operations of the 2d Infantry Division. The superior manner of accomplishment of this mission, despite adverse weather conditions and harassing enemy fire, aided greatly in the successful campaign of this division. During this period, the company transported 15,549 passengers and 33,588 tons of cargo a total distance of 780,864 miles. The 252d Transportation Truck 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 determination, efficiency, and esprit de corps of the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves, the Transportation Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 671, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 27 August 1951.*)

6. The 476th Veterinary Food Inspection Detachment is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 30 August 1950 to 15 April 1951. Upon its arrival in Korea, the detachment was confronted with extremely limited facilities for the storage, refrigeration, and preservation of food products. In many instances, these facilities were in such poor condition that it was necessary to declare them unsanitary. Immediately, the detachment, through the diligent and conscientious efforts of the members, devised and instituted new measures which were instrumental in obtaining a high standard of operating efficiency. In addition to performing its primary mission, the detachment assumed tasks far out of relation to those normally assigned to a unit of this type and performed them in a highly competent and commendable manner. Despite extremely adverse conditions, the members of the detachment worked willingly and enthusiastically to insure the expeditious delivery of wholesome and adequate foods to the United Nations Forces in Korea. The 476th Veterinary Food Inspection Detachment displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart from and above other units

with a similar mission. The ingenuity and determination with which the members of this organization performed their duties reflect great credit on themselves, the Army Medical Service, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 767, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 14 October 1951.*)

7. The *529th Quartermaster Petroleum Supply Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 9 October 1950 to 9 April 1951. This company was given the mission of receiving and storing class III supplies and issuing them to I and X Corps. Despite the most adverse weather conditions and the difficulty of operating with considerably less than its authorized strength, the unit successfully established and operated 16 supply points at various locations throughout Korea. On many occasions, because of its nearness to the forward areas, the unit was required to prepare its own defense measures against hostile actions, a task which the unit was neither equipped nor organized to perform. When it became impossible to transport supplies by rail and road to the forward combat elements, the company instituted a plan by which class III supplies could be air-dropped to units in remote areas. Despite the handicaps engendered by a lack of adequate transportation, adverse weather conditions, and an acute shortage of operating personnel, the members of this company nevertheless manifested a high degree of skill, determination, and efficiency in completing all assignments. The *529th Quartermaster Petroleum Supply Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart from and above other units with a similar mission. The technical ability and zeal with which the members of the company performed their duties reflect great credit on themselves, the Quartermaster Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 760, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 12 October 1951.*)

8. The *532d Signal Construction Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 7 August 1950 to 7 February 1951. During the critical early phases of the Korean campaign, this unit furnished signal construction teams to combat elements of the 24th Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, and the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade. In addition, the company constructed communications systems for Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, at various locations throughout Korea. Carrying out these construction missions frequently under enemy small-arms and mortar fire, the high standard of communications efficiency never faltered, but was maintained in a superior manner despite the ever-increasing dangers inherent in operating under extremely adverse terrain and weather conditions. The company's personnel devised many field expedients in order to alleviate shortages of signal supplies and constant breakdown of vehicles, manifesting a high degree of ingenuity and a zealous application to duty. The *532d Signal Construction Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The skill and determination with which the members of this organization performed their duties reflect great credit on themselves, the Signal Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 701, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 18 September 1951.*)

9. The *533d Engineer Technical Intelligence Team (Research)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 7 November 1950 to 31 August 1951. Throughout this period, the team furnished the Eighth United States Army, Korea, with vital and timely information obtained from the collection of captured enemy engineer matériel, interrogations of prisoners of war, and translations of captured enemy documents. As the only engineer technical intelligence unit available to the Eighth United States Army during part of this period, the *533d Engineer Technical Intelligence Team (research)* collected all captured enemy engineer matériel, analyzed it, and provided information concerning it to interested agencies. Realizing the necessity for speed in accomplishing its mission, this unit conducted on-the-spot tests of enemy engineer equipment with maximum efficiency, despite extremely adverse conditions. From experience gained in field operations, the team prepared approximately 100 reports, which contained more than 8,000 photographic prints and over 200 technical drawings of various types of engineer equipment. In addition, it prepared the text and illustrations for a handbook on mines and booby traps for the use of all United Nations Forces in Korea. The *533d Engineer Technical Intelligence Team (research)* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart from and above other units with a similar mission. The determination, diligence, and outstanding technical ability displayed by members of this team reflect great credit on themselves, the Corps of Engineers, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 760, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 12 October 1951.*)

10. The *540th Transportation Truck Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 15 October 1950 to 24 April 1951. During this period, the company never faltered in performing its assigned mission of transporting troops and supplies to the forward combat areas over rough and dangerous mountain supply routes with a limited number of vehicles, many of which were in poor condition upon their arrival in Korea. Disregarding the fact that there was little time to perform much needed maintenance and repair to vehicles, this unit transported the required cargo and troops necessary for a successful operation against the enemy. The *540th Transportation Truck Company* performed it, assigned tasks diligently and enthusiastically without regard for personal safety and welfare. Many times under pressure, personnel of this unit abandoned the roles of truck drivers to fire on the enemy in order to protect valuable cargo and lives. The *540th Transportation Truck 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 determination, ability, and esprit de corps of the members of this unit reflect great credit on themselves, the Transportation Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 671, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 27 August 1951.*)

11. The *629th Medical Clearing Company (Separate)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 February to 31 July 1951. During this period, the *629th Medical Clearing Company (Separate)* rendered outstanding medical support to units of X Corps in the central sector of Korea. While

operating in the sector, the company had its three operating platoons and one headquarters platoon working on separate air strips in order to maintain close association with the mobile army surgical hospitals at these strips. Working diligently for prolonged periods of time, the company successfully evacuated over 22,000 patients to hospitals in rear areas. During certain phases of the campaign, the company evacuated as many as 1,000 patients in 1 day. Despite numerous displacements from one air strip to another, the *629th Medical Clearing Company (Separate)* never faltered in its mission and was always ready to receive patients with a minimum of delay and with no loss of operating efficiency. The extremely adverse conditions under which the company performed its mission placed great physical stress on its members, but they nevertheless continued to render effective medical care. *The 629th Medical Clearing Company (Separate)* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart and above other units with a similar mission. The skill, determination, and versatility exhibited by the members of this organization throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves, the Army Medical Service, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 767, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 14 October 1951.*)

12. *The Quartermaster Supply Detachment, 8058th Army Unit*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 20 July 1950 to 19 January 1951. This detachment was the first nondivisional quartermaster organization to participate in the Korean campaign. Upon its arrival in Korea, the detachment immediately put into operation a supply point which received, stored, and issued all classes of quartermaster supplies to the 24th Infantry Division. As additional United Nations Forces were committed to the campaign, the detachment furnished vitally needed supplies to three divisions and other attached Eighth United States Army units. In November, the detachment operated forward supply points at Chasan and Kunu-ri, where it was constantly subjected to enemy small-arms, mortar, and artillery fire. Because of the limited number of personnel assigned to this unit, it was necessary for its members to work with great diligence and skill in order to maintain a steady flow of quartermaster supplies to combat elements. *The Quartermaster Supply Detachment, 8058th Army Unit*, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed its exceptionally difficult tasks in such a superior manner as to set it apart from and above other units with a similar mission. The efficiency and steadfast devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this organization reflect great credit on themselves, the Quartermaster Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 757, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 11 October 1951.*)

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