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I. 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 Infantry Division Band* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 10 November 1951 to 10 May 1952. Despite the most adverse field conditions and the difficulties engendered by a continuous turn-over in personnel, this unit consistently carried out its many exacting assignments in such a superior manner as to warrant the highest possible praise from all those cognizant of its fine work. In addition to providing music for the entertainment and ceremonies of many United Nations units, the personnel of the band were called upon to perform extra missions far out of relation to their normal duties. Such specialized tasks as acting as divisional security guards, assisting in the expeditious movement of supplies and equipment, establishing and maintaining bivouac areas, and directing labor details were accomplished with singular skill by the members of this unit, thus contributing significantly to the over-all success achieved by the division in accomplishing its vital mission while, at the same time, effectively maintaining the high morale of its members by furnishing frequent entertainment of a musical nature. The *3d Infantry Division Band* 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 tireless effort, outstanding proficiency, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this unit reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 360, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 9 July 1952.*)

2. The *17th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company* (2d award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July 1951 to 5 March 1952. Despite the most adverse conditions, the members of this company efficiently maintained vast quantities of ordnance equipment, at all times extending direct support to forward infantry, artillery, armor, and engineer units by sending skilled maintenance teams to the battle areas. In this manner, repairs and replacements were accomplished with a minimum of delay, thus increasing the combat effectiveness of the units served. Men from this company frequently worked with forward tank units and assisted in removing damaged equipment from the battlefield, often under direct enemy small-arms and mortar fire. Disregarding the hazardous nature of many of their tasks, the personnel of this company consistently carried out their vital mission in a manner which elicited the highest possible praise from all those cognizant of their fine work and earned for themselves a reputation of uncompromising excellence, which is unsurpassed and worthy of emulation in all future campaigns. The *17th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company* 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 proficiency, ingenious adaptation of existing facilities, and esprit de corps exhibited by the personnel of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 418, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 5 August 1952.*)

3. The *19th Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment* (2d award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July 1951 to 30 April 1952. While performing its mission of investigation and prevention of crime within the Eighth United States Army zone of responsibility, this unit repeatedly conducted investigations which took its personnel into forward areas where they were frequently subjected to enemy action. The members of

this detachment conducted and completed a total of 310 investigations, though the unit operated for many months with less than two-thirds of its authorized strength, and had the responsibility of serving five of the seven American combat divisions in Korea and, in addition, all their attached service units. The individual members of this unit, working with all levels of command, constantly displayed a degree of initiative and sound judgment which earned them the profound respect and admiration of all those having knowledge of their fine work. The high degree of personal effectiveness maintained by each member of this detachment, often under the most adverse conditions, is unsurpassed and worthy of the closest emulation in future campaigns. The *19th Military Police Criminal Investigation 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 superb technical skill and unstinting endeavor of the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 392, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 22 July 1952.*)

4. The *21st Chemical Decontamination 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 1952. The primary mission of this company was decontamination and its members, through their diligence and matchless technical proficiency, consistently carried out their exacting tasks in a manner which elicited the highest possible praise from all those cognizant of their fine work. In addition, numerous tests of experimental equipment were made with great efficiency, shower facilities were provided for hundreds of thousands of United Nations personnel, vast quantities of napalm were supplied, thousands of flame throwers were serviced, and similar quantities of land mines were made available to combat units. Despite the rapid turnover in this unit's personnel and the frequent forward displacements made by the company, its high standard of excellence did not vary. The performance of its vital mission was such as to be worthy of the closest emulation in all future campaigns. The *21st Chemical Decontamination Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units having similar missions. The unsurpassed ability, singleness of purpose, 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 418, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 August 1952.*)

5. The *45th 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 18 December 1951 to 17 June 1952. From the time of its commitment with the 45th Infantry Division, this company performed a wide variety of difficult missions in an exemplary manner. During the winter months, movement of traffic to and from the front lines was seriously hampered by extremely adverse weather conditions. However, by constant liaison with front-line units and by the extensive use of traffic control points, transportation facilities were utilized to a maximum degree, thus materially increasing the effectiveness of the division's combat troops. Despite rotation losses among key personnel, this company constantly maintained its high standard of efficiency, approaching each problem as it arose with enthusiasm and self-assurance and resolving it with promptness and precision. Consistently adhering to a policy of service, courtesy, and helpfulness, this company established an enviable reputation among units within the division. The *45th Military Police Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units having similar missions. The great skill, esprit de corps, and unstinting devotion to duty exhibited by the personnel of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 464, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 16 August 1952.*)

6. The *56th Army Band* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 23 July 1950 to 29 February 1952. Upon its arrival in Korea, this unit was assigned the exacting mission of providing music for troop ships,

ceremonies, parades, concerts, and other entertainments for troops and hospitals located in the Pusan area. When called upon, the members of the band enlarged the scope of their operations to include nearby installations of the United States air and naval forces and troops of all other nations represented in the Korean theater of operations. This unit also traveled to outlying islands to participate in ceremonies and to entertain troops stationed thereon. Throughout this entire period, the personnel of the *56th Army Band* performed at least twice each day and often more frequently because they served a command several times the size for which their unit was originally intended. The *56th Army Band* 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, esprit de corps, and tireless devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this organization reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 464, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 16 August 1952.*)

7. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 69th Transportation Truck Battalion*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 October 1951 to 30 April 1952. The members of this company, through diligence and superb technical skill, constantly maintained a high standard of excellence which evoked the praise of all those having knowledge of their fine work and is worthy of emulation in all future campaigns. Although its facilities were constantly overtaxed because of the unprecedented magnitude of its assigned mission, this company earned an enviable reputation for promptness and precision and contributed immeasurably to the success achieved by the United Nations Command in its campaign against aggression in Korea. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 69th Transportation Truck 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 diligence, resourcefulness, and matchless technical proficiency exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 392, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 22 July 1952.*)

8. *Team A, 313th 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 15 March 1951 to 31 May 1952. Upon its arrival in Korea, this team was assigned the exacting mission of operating and maintaining the various utilities used by Headquarters I Corps. Because of the fluid tactical situation, it was frequently necessary for the corps headquarters to move from one site while, at the same time, installing new facilities at the selected command post. In addition, duties such as road construction and maintenance, construction of new buildings, rehabilitation of damaged buildings, fire protection, and the installation and maintenance of all utilities were consistently carried out with great efficiency despite the small size of this unit. Although the task assigned to them ordinarily would have been carried out by a much larger organization, the members of this team approached every task with the utmost self-assurance and carried it to completion with such effectiveness as to elicit the highest possible praise from all those cognizant of their fine work. Hampered by the loss of key personnel through the rotation and phase-out programs, this team nevertheless operated at peak efficiency throughout this period and set a standard of excellence which is worthy of emulation in all future campaigns. *Team A, 313th 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 technical proficiency, singleness of purpose, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this team reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 392, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 22 July 1952.*)

9. The *425th Transportation Traffic Regulation Group* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 15 January 1951 to 15 June 1952. Upon its arrival in Korea, this unit immediately set about to accomplish its

task of regulating and coordinating all air, rail, highway, and inland waterway traffic with self-assurance and admirable determination. Although confronted by countless obstacles, the members of this group consistently carried out their assignments with singular efficiency. In addition to regulating the flow of trucks in logistical support of the entire United Nations Command highway teams of the unit were charged with supervising the large-scale redeployment of divisional troops in the combat area. As a result of the skill with which harbor movement control work at the port of Pusan was accomplished by the group's water teams, port clearance tonnage was more than doubled. The air teams arranged for critically needed emergency airlifts and expedited the heavy air movement of passengers at major airfields throughout Korea. Also, record tonnages of essential supplies and matériel were transported by rail to combat units, thus insuring their continued effectiveness in the battle for peace and freedom in Korea. The *425th Transportation Traffic Regulation Group* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units having similar missions. The technical proficiency, resourcefulness, and uncompromising devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this group reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 360, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 9 July 1952.*)

II..DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION.—1. So much of paragraph 2, section I, DA General Orders 72, 1951, pertaining to the *2d Infantry Division* and attached units, as reads "*1st and 2d Platoons, 92d Engineer Searchlight Company,*" is amended to read "*92d Engineer Searchlight Company (less 1st Platoon)."*

2. Section I, DA General Orders 79, 1951, pertaining to the *1st Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division,* and attached units, is amended to include the *3d Platoon, Heavy Mortar Company, 7th Infantry Division.* (*General Orders 723, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 25 September 1951.*)

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