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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 period indicated. The citations read as follows:

1. The *Eighth United States Army Flight Detachment* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 22 March 1951 to 1 August 1952. Responsible for furnishing general observation, limited transport, emergency air evacuation, and courier service for Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, this detachment consistently performed its duties in an exemplary manner, even though the accomplishment of its mission demanded tireless effort and a high degree of technical skill on the part of the maintenance personnel, meticulous planning and coordination by administrative and operations personnel, and frequently operation under extremely adverse and hazardous conditions. The safety record of this organization is outstanding and the skillful manner in which the myriad problems facing it were resolved by its personnel is deserving of the highest praise. Although the mission assigned to the members of the detachment was primarily administrative, they were often called upon to accomplish liaison with units operating in extreme forward areas which normally were considered to be inaccessible to the low performance aircraft assigned to their unit. These missions were, in all cases, undertaken without hesitancy and with the utmost self-assurance and were accomplished with consummate skill. The *Eighth United States Army Flight Detachment* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of its exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The outstanding ability, esprit de corps, and tireless devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 465, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 16 August 1952.*)

2. The *10th Special Services Company* (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 November 1951 to 31 July 1952. Charged with the unique mission of providing entertainment for the United Nations forces in Korea, this company traveled thousands of miles and performed before a total audience of more than three-quarters of a million troops. Often working under the most adverse conditions, on improvised outdoor stages without adequate equipment, the members of this company, displaying ingenuity, resourcefulness, and determination of purpose, met an exceptionally difficult schedule without canceling a single performance. In addition, they often gave unscheduled performances for small groups in hospitals and for isolated units with few entertainment facilities. The high standard of excellence maintained by the *10th Special Services Company* and the outstanding ability of its members earned for it the deepest gratitude of all the organizations for which it performed. The entertainment which it provided in the combat theater contributed immeasurably to the continued high morale of United Nations troops in Korea. The resourcefulness, esprit de corps, and tireless devotion to duty displayed by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military

service. (*General Orders 508, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 2 September 1952.*)

3. The *51st Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment* 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 1 May 1952. Charged with preventing and investigating crime within the forward elements of the Eighth United States Army, Korea, this detachment had approximately 803 incidents referred to it for investigation during this period. Criminal investigation reports were rendered on 248 criminal incidents. Of the alleged crimes investigated, 62 percent occurred within division boundaries and the agents investigating were forced, in many instances, to perform their tasks under the direct observation of the enemy. Interviews frequently were conducted in line positions under hazardous and difficult conditions. The scenes of the crimes were overrun by the enemy in many cases and the agents were forced to wait until the area was recaptured before conducting their investigation. This difficulty, in conjunction with problems engendered by Korean customs, limited facilities, and the unavailability of witnesses, made the task of this detachment a singularly exacting one, but its members never failed to approach their duties with enthusiasm and self-assurance. The *51st 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 having similar missions. The outstanding ability, esprit de corps, and tireless devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 466, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 16 August 1952.*)

4. The *205th Signal Repair Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 15 September 1950 to 31 March 1952. Assigned the mission of repairing and rehabilitating signal equipment used by combat troops in Korea, this company displayed the utmost resourcefulness, technical skill, and determination of purpose in carrying out its duties in an exemplary manner despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Operating understrength and often hampered by an exceedingly fluid tactical situation which necessitated constant movement, the company exercised every available facility to succeed in the accomplishment of its mission. Despite a severe shortage of supplies, the company repaired thousands of pieces of valuable signal equipment which resulted in a saving of millions of dollars to the United States. The decisiveness and the matchless confidence when faced by problems seeming to defy solution displayed by this company earned the highest praise from the units which it served and materially furthered the cause of the United Nations in Korea. The *205th Signal Repair 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 outstanding ability, the ingenious application of available facilities, and the tireless devotion to duty displayed by the members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 508, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 2 September 1952.*)

5. The *558th 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 27 July 1950 to 10 June 1952. Responsible

for carrying out all phases of security functions at the main and advance headquarters of the Eighth United States Army, Korea, at the United Nations base camp at Munsan-ni, and at the site of the armistice conference at Panmunjom, the members of this company consistently attended to the countless, and often hazardous, duties attendant to their mission in a manner which elicited the highest possible praise from all those cognizant of their fine work. The extensive security measures necessitated by the rapid advances, tactical withdrawals, and lateral movements made by the Eighth United States Army headquarters were approached with the utmost self-assurance by the officers and men of this company. Despite the innumerable difficulties arising from personnel shortages caused by rotation, this unit maintained an enviable record of efficiency worthy of the closest emulation in all future campaigns. The *558th 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 with similar missions. The superior ability, esprit de corps, and uncompromising devotion to duty exhibited by the members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 465, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 16 August 1952.*)

6. The *Hospital Train, 8138th Army Unit*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 August 1951 to 30 June 1952. Although activated in Korea under extremely adverse conditions, this unit acquitted itself at all times in a manner which elicited the highest possible praise from all those cognizant of its exemplary work. Throughout this period, this organization rendered close support to forward medical facilities, evacuated large numbers of battle casualties with speed and precision, and rendered the utmost in medical care. The members of this unit displayed a singular ability to overcome the many trying problems engendered by excessive patient loads and difficult operating conditions, combining commendable attributes such as tireless devotion to duty, extreme versatility, and a comprehensive knowledge of the job to be done—to transport and evacuate over 80,000 patients. The *Hospital Train, 8138th Army Unit*, 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 outstanding technical proficiency, compassionate regard for the welfare of their patients, and tireless effort exhibited by the members of this unit reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 466, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 16 August 1952.*)

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