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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 and the Republic of Korea Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated. The citations read as follows:

1. The *1st Loudspeaker and Leaflet Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 August 1952 to 1 February 1953. The personnel of the *1st Loudspeaker and Leaflet Company*, the only unit of its kind in the combat zone, performed their duties with determination and aggressiveness. Equipped with bulky public address systems best adapted to vehicular use, the loud-speaker teams hand-carried their equipment to isolated peaks on the front in order to render close psychological warfare support to infantry line units, and conducted a constant attack by leaflets on the fighting efficiency of the opposing forces. On many occasions the unit operated its presses 24 hours daily for extended periods of time in order to satisfy tactical requirements for leaflets. The *1st Loudspeaker and Leaflet Company* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units. The devotion to duty, esprit de corps, and loyalty exhibited by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 248, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 28 February 1953.*)

2. The *1st Military Police Escort Guard Company (Mobile), Republic of Korea Army*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 September 1951 to 31 December 1952. Working with units of the United States Army, the *1st Military Police Escort Guard Company (Mobile), Republic of Korea Army*, the only unit of its kind in the Eighth United States Army, collected, processed, quartered, and evacuated thousands of enemy prisoners of war from collecting points to inclosures in the rear. Throughout the entire period, no prisoners escaped. Because of the high standard of vigilance, knowledge of the language and customs, and superior performance of duty by the members of this company, disturbances or abuses were negligible in the transient prisoner of war compounds. The members of this company carried out their assigned tasks willingly and with aggressiveness, despite adverse terrain and weather conditions and a shortage of personnel, and displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units. The loyalty, determination, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of the *1st Military Police Escort Guard Company (Mobile), Republic of Korea Army*, reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the Republic of Korea. (*General Orders 248, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 March 1953.*)

3. The *12th Military Police Company, Republic of Korea Army*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 13 November 1950 to 31 December 1952. Many methods which the company devised to improve operational efficiency of police units in the combat zone were adopted by other police units throughout Korea. During the withdrawal from the Pyongyang area, the company was instrumental in effecting an orderly vehicular evacuation of the area and in guiding approximately one million refugees to the south. On

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30 November 1950, the company was surrounded by enemy troops, but after a series of vicious hand-to-hand struggles, it breached the enemy lines, regained contact with the friendly forces, and maintained unit integrity at all times. The exemplary manner in which members of the company maintained both military and civilian security and their enthusiastic cooperation with other United Nations military police units earned them the praise of all with whom they came in contact. The *12th Military Police Company, Republic of Korea Army*, 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 esprit de corps, loyalty, and aggressiveness exhibited by members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the Republic of Korea Army. (*General Orders 361, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 4 April 1953.*)

4. The *25th Engineer Map Depot Detachment* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 August 1952 to 31 January 1953. The *25th Engineer Map Depot Detachment*, the only unit of its kind in Korea, was responsible for procuring, storing, and issuing maps to the fighting forces. Realizing the importance of their mission, the members of the detachment handled all orders with efficiency, speed, and courtesy. The detachment received 46 air shipments from Japan and 321 shipments from topographic units in Korea. Over 165 tons of maps were stored and sorted for distribution; over 1 million maps were distributed throughout this period. The members of the detachment worked on a 24-hour-a-day schedule, 7 days a week, in order to supply maps to ground troops and units during tactical operations. When the main depot moved from Taegu to Seoul and 100 tons of maps were shipped by train, the members of the detachment accomplished the loading with no decline in the efficiency of distribution. The *25th Engineer Map Depot Detachment* 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, esprit de corps, and aggressiveness exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 263, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 9 March 1953.*)

5. The *288d Ordnance Technical Intelligence Control Detachment* and the following assigned units:

- 83d Ordnance Technical Intelligence Detachment;*
- 508th Ordnance Technical Intelligence Detachment;*
- 511th Ordnance Technical Intelligence Detachment;*
- 512th Ordnance Technical Intelligence Detachment;*
- 514th Ordnance Technical Intelligence Detachment;*
- 528th Ordnance Technical Intelligence Detachment;*
- 920th Ordnance Technical Intelligence Detachment,*

are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 2 June 1952 to 21 March 1953. The control detachment and assigned units overcame difficult obstacles to provide a variety of services which enhanced the efficiency and morale of front-line troops. Despite shortages of personnel and adverse operating conditions, the control detachment and assigned units presented "sight and sound" firing demonstrations, employing captured enemy weapons, and explained the functions and capabilities of these weapons to United Nations organizations.

The units positively identified thousands of incoming projectiles and shell fragments, thereby informing commanders of weapons used by the hostile forces. The 283d Ordnance Technical Intelligence Control Detachment and assigned units, although the first ordnance units of this type to operate in the field, were able to perform difficult tasks and varied assignments with efficiency. The detachment and assigned units displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of their mission as to set them apart from and above other units. The resourcefulness, esprit de corps, and determination exhibited by the members of this detachment and assigned units reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 340, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 27 March 1953.*)

6. The 335th Ordnance Ammunition Battalion Headquarters and the following assigned units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (second award);*
- 858th Ordnance Ammunition Company;*
- 930th Ordnance Ammunition Company;*
- 363d Ordnance Ammunition Company;*
- 59th Ordnance Ammunition Renovation Platoon;*
- 131st Medical Detachment;*
- 445th Ordnance Ammunition Company,*

are 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 31 January 1952. The battalion accomplished its mission of storage and movement of ground-force ammunition for combat troops in Korea with a superior display of efficiency. The principal functions of the battalion were the operation of the Heunde Ammunition Depot, the Heunde Railhead, and the Song Jong Ni Railhead; the clearance of the Suyong beach and pier; and the supervision of the activities of four ordnance ammunition companies, a renovation platoon, an explosive ordnance demolition squad, and approximately 2,000 indigenous employees. During this period, the battalion greatly expanded the capacity of the depot through the ingenuity, resourcefulness, and initiative of all concerned in converting an area requiring extensive work, without benefit of engineer assistance or equipment. Requirements for segregating ammunition by lot number and the necessity for storing ammunition in quantities greater than originally anticipated placed a heavy load on the battalion, but the unit responded in an exemplary manner. The 335th Ordnance Ammunition Battalion Headquarters and its assigned units displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of unusually difficult tasks as to set them apart from and above other units with similar missions. The initiative and loyalty exhibited by the members of this battalion and its assigned units reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 303, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 16 March 1953.*)

7. The 523d Military Intelligence Service Company 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 November 1952. This company had the mission of supplying IX United States Corps with accurate intelligence information obtained through interrogating prisoners of war, processing and studying captured enemy matériel and equipment, translating captured enemy documents, and providing personnel for translating documents originating in Republic of Korea Army units. During vital military engagements, the 523d Military Intelligence Service Company furnished interroga-

tion teams to United States and Republic of Korea Army divisions to assist in processing and interrogating prisoners of war. Intelligence collected and disseminated by these teams, as well as intelligences collected by other personnel of the company, proved to be important to the United Nations in the rapid evaluation of enemy dispositions and capabilities. The information was of paramount importance to the corps commanders in planning and preparing defensive and counteroffensive action against the enemy, and resulted in three of the most devastating enemy defeats during the period. This company later participated in the training of II Republic of Korea Army Corps by IX United States Corps. The company also provided personnel for various other duties in connection with United Nations operations throughout Korea. The *529d Military Intelligence Service Company* 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, determination, 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 357, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 April 1953.*)

8. The *534th Engineer Technical Intelligence Team (Research)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 4 July 1952 to 4 January 1953. Assigned to cover the entire Eighth Army area, the team was active in interrogating prisoners of war, studying captured enemy material and documents, correlating and confirming technical intelligence reports from teams in the field, studying aerial photographs, conducting experiments on engineer equipment, and developing and maintaining a constant liaison with similar units, staff sections, and front-line units of the Republic of Korea Army. The team furnished valuable engineer information on the training, equipment, and capabilities of the enemy to both front-line units and army staff sections. The *534th Engineer Technical Intelligence Team (Research)* 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 initiative, esprit de corps, and determination exhibited by members of this team reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 336, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 27 March 1953.*)

9. The *560th Medical Ambulance Company (Separate)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 22 September 1950 to 31 December 1952. During this period, the company rendered superior ambulance support to various units throughout Korea. Despite the numerous obstacles confronting the unit on its arrival, the members approached each problem with the utmost determination. Although the company has been separated since the early stages of the action in Korea, this split operation did not diminish the high degree of technical skill consistently displayed by members of the unit. In November 1950, the company was assigned the task of furnishing ambulance support to the 1st Marine Division in the Choson Reservoir Sector. The superior ability displayed by the members of the company during this phase of their service earned them the respect of all of the men who were treated. The *560th Medical Ambulance Company (Separate)* 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, aggressiveness, and skill exhibited

by the members of this company reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 251, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 4 March 1953.*)

10. The 700th Ordnance Maintenance Company, 45th Infantry Division (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 June to 1 December 1952. Responsible for the maintenance, repair, recovery, and production of large quantities of ordnance matériel, the company established a superior record under adverse conditions. During this period, the division was engaged in a number of exceptionally decisive and exacting combat operations. Fully cognizant of the relationship between proper maintenance of equipment and the military proficiency of the division, members of the company achieved such high operational standards that vehicles, weapons, and instruments were repaired and returned to combat in an exceptionally short period of time. Despite extreme climatic conditions, frequent tactical moves, and the hazards of enemy fire, the company executed its tasks with exceptional diligence and skill, demonstrating ingenuity in salvaging discarded supplies and recovering equipment. The 700th Ordnance Maintenance Company, 45th Infantry Division, 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, resourcefulness, 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 333, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 26 March 1953.*)

11. The Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, 8055th Army Unit (second award), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 7 January 1951 to 1 February 1953. Designed to provide surgical and medical care for personnel of one combat division, this unit, by ingeniously employing field expedients, expanded its facilities to serve three divisions and large numbers of supporting troops. In a 2-month period, during a prolonged battle for a tactically important hill mass, the members of this hospital treated almost 5,000 casualties. Despite the necessity for working in forward areas under adverse field conditions, this hospital maintained the highest professional standards at all times. The wounded men were treated with every possible degree of skill. The Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, 8055th Army Unit, 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 ability, loyalty, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this hospital reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 298, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 15 March 1953.*)

12. The Republic of Korea Intelligence Group M is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 15 July 1951 to 20 February 1953. Operating in support of the 501st Communication Reconnaissance Group, the unit maintained wide operational coverage throughout the entire period. When the unit experienced an acute shortage of trained personnel, additional personnel were trained in the highly technical specialties required for operations, without any decrease in the efficient functioning of the unit. The continued high level of morale in the unit, despite adverse working conditions, was exemplary. The Republic of Korea Intelligence Group M displayed such outstand-

ing 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, devotion to duty, and initiative exhibited by the members of this unit reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the Republic of Korea. (*General Orders 377, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 10 April 1953.*)

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