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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 *4th and 25th Machine Records Units (Mobile)* (second award) are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 April to 30 September 1953. The units competently collected, audited, and maintained personnel, organizational and equipment data from personnel sections, administrative centers, and various units and prepared and submitted timely personnel and equipment reports to the Department of the Army, Headquarters, Army Forces Far East, and local commanders. Although constantly hampered by machine breakdowns, a lack of spare parts, and a shortage of trained men, the units operated their equipment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, successfully meeting all requirements. Assigned the task of compiling and publishing a large volume of personnel and statistical data relative to the muster held in connection with the Armistice, the units performed this important mission in a superior manner. The organizations exhibited outstanding initiative in establishing and conducting a training program for replacements and in continuing to carry on all operations and to meet all deadlines during a tactical move. The units displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set them apart from and above other organizations with similar missions. The determination, ability, and esprit de corps exhibited by members of these units throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 955, Eighth United States Army, 23 October 1953.*)

2. The *6th Army Medical Depot* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations against an armed enemy in Korea during the period 1 February to 31 July 1953. The depot competently procured, stored, and issued all medical supplies required to support over 450,000 troops within the Eighth United States Army. Although hampered by a rapid turnover of personnel and other adverse conditions, the unit efficiently operated three advance supply points which stocked all essential medical supplies and expedited immediate reissue to forward units as required by combat operations. The depot also performed field maintenance and supervised organizational maintenance on all medical service equipment, replaced and repaired spectacles, and operated a blood-distribution section which received, stored, and distributed whole blood to all United States and United Nations troops within the Eighth Army. In order to train selected Republic of Korea Army personnel in all phases of medical depot operations, the organization initiated and conducted an outstanding medical supply training program for selected officers and an 8-week medical supply specialist course for enlisted personnel. The *6th Army Medical Depot* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from

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and above other units with similar missions. The initiative, ability, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this depot throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 988, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 2 November 1953.*)

3. The *7th Military Police Company, 7th Infantry Division* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 August 1952 to 15 August 1953. The company competently provided security for the Commanding General and the General Staff, 7th Infantry Division, and Military Police patrols for the 7th Infantry Division area, provided escorts and established traffic-control points to facilitate all movements within the division sector, painted and posted all regulatory traffic signs, and operated the division stockade and prisoner of war enclosure. Although constantly hampered by a shortage of assigned personnel, frequent floods, and other adverse weather conditions, and the fluid combat situation, the unit insured the constant flow of critically needed supplies and equipment to front-line troops. The company operated an outstanding criminal investigation section which probed into hundreds of crimes and returned to proper supply channels almost \$100,000 worth of Government equipment and over \$5,000 in military payment certificates. In addition, the organization assumed the responsibility for effectively training and instructing Ethiopian and Korean personnel who were utilized in military police work in the division area. The *7th Military Police 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 aggressiveness, determination, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 981, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 1 November 1953.*)

4. The *7th Quartermaster Company, 7th Infantry Division* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July to 31 December 1952. The company competently supported the 7th Infantry Division by procuring and issuing class I, II, III, and IV items of quartermaster supply. Although hampered by extremely long supply routes, frequent floods, and the fluid combat situation, the unit consistently issued vast quantities of essential subsistence items, petroleum products, and all types of clothing and equipment to front-line units. During a 3-day tactical emergency in October, 50 percent of the personnel were withdrawn from the unit to serve as infantrymen in blocking positions supporting an infantry regiment contesting the enemy for control of a vital outpost. The *7th Quartermaster Company, 7th Infantry Division*, 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 ability, determination, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 969, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 29 October 1953.*)

5. The *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 15th Quartermaster Battalion* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 23 February to 23 August 1953. Through the diligent efforts of assigned personnel

the detachment coordinated the administration, supply, and operations of 13 supply points. In addition, the detachment coordinated the delivery of vast quantities of essential subsistence items and millions of gallons of petroleum products to front-line units. Despite a wide dispersal of units and supply points and the constantly changing needs and locations of the supported units, commitments were always met and an adequate supply of essentials was assured combat organizations at all times. The *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 13th Quartermaster Battalion*, 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 initiative, cooperation, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this detachment throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 895, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 30 September 1953.*)

6. The *37th Preventive Medicine Company (Separate)* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 5 November 1950 to 27 July 1953. As the first and only medical unit of its size and kind to be committed to an active theater of war, the unit served as a basic tactical group for preventive medicine functions in Korea and competently provided insect, rodent, and disease control for the Eighth United States Army. Although hampered by a shortage of personnel and equipment, the company operated continually throughout the combat zone and often efficiently covered areas normally assigned to two such units. When thousands of enemy troops were moved to new prisoner-of-war camps, the company immediately conducted effective insect- and rodent-control studies and constructed sanitary facilities which greatly minimized the dangers of epidemics. In addition, the unit was instrumental in the development of a new insecticide which controlled the typhus-spreading Korean lice and conducted experiments and investigations which materially reduced the incidence of hemorrhagic fever. The *37th Preventive Medicine Company (Separate)* 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 ability, determination, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 985, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 2 November 1953.*)

7. The *44th Engineer Construction Battalion* (second award) is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 March to 30 September 1953. Charged with providing engineer support to the Korean Base section and subordinate units, the battalion efficiently constructed buildings and enclosures, repaired and maintained roads, and performed various engineer tasks in support of the 21st Transportation Medium Port. Although hampered by a shortage of both officers and enlisted men and a lack of needed equipment and supplies, the unit successfully completed several vital projects, including the construction of the 25th Evacuation Hospital, the Inchon Replacement Depot, and holding facilities for 3,000 repatriated prisoners of war at Yongdung-Po. Functioning on a 9-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week schedule, and often employing two shifts within each 24-hour period, the battalion effectively coordinated the efforts of assigned personnel and attached indigenous personnel in carrying out its mission. The *44th Engineer Construction Battalion* displayed such outstand-

ing devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The initiative, ability, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this battalion throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 982, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 1 November 1953.*)

8. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45th Engineer Group (Maintenance and Supply)*, 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 1 August 1953. Charged with activating an engineer maintenance and supply group for the first time under combat conditions and with supplying general engineer supply, parts supply, and maintenance supply to all units of the Eighth Army, the company performed its duties in an outstanding manner. Since no standard operating procedure was available to serve as a basis of operations, the company found it necessary to establish doctrine, policies, and procedures in setting up the activities assigned to the new engineer and supply group. Faced by frequent losses of key personnel, an acute shortage of experienced and school-trained technicians, and lack of general engineer supplies, the company still directed the operations of 4 engineer field maintenance companies, 2 engineer supply point companies, 1 engineer depot company, and 6 attached detachments. The company successfully carried out its many missions although functioning with only 76 percent of its authorized manpower. *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45th Engineer Group (Maintenance and Supply)*, 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 resourcefulness, initiative, and ability exhibited by the members of this unit reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 881, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 23 September 1953.*)

9. *The 45th Infantry Division Band, 45th Infantry Division (second award)*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 2 July 1952 to 1 July 1953. Although constantly confronted by obstacles caused by rugged terrain, inclement weather, and frequent enemy fire, the band provided entertainment for a total of 288,996 persons. In addition to furnishing music for various divisional unit functions and many hospital programs, the band traveled great distances to play before front-line troops and often put in as many as seven appearances in the course of 1 day. Despite the discomforts of extremely cold weather and the constant danger of frostbite, the band continued to operate in the middle of winter, even though the drum and bugle corps of the organization frequently carried the entire burden when other musical instruments froze up. In providing music for military ceremonies and variety shows and in presenting popular music concerts, the band often played before as many as twenty thousand persons at one time. *The 45th Infantry Division Band, 45th Infantry Division*, 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 initiative, talent, and diligence exhibited by the members of this band throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 940, Headquarters Eighth United States Army, 18 October 1953.*)

10. The *45th Quartermaster Company, 45th Infantry Division* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 September 1952 to 1 May 1953. Responsible for providing Quartermaster Corps support to divisional and attached units, the company serviced a troop strength equal to three United States divisions. Through the concentrated efforts of the truck platoons, a superior transportation system was established and maintained over exceedingly rough and hazardous terrain. The repair section established a centralized parts replacement and repair service for the exchange of various items of field kitchen equipment, enabling it to accomplish maximum repair while reducing waste to a minimum. The company operated adequate shower and laundry facilities for all personnel within its area of responsibility. Motivated by an outstanding unity of purpose, the members of the company worked long hours under adverse conditions to accomplish every phase of their mission in the most expeditious manner possible. The *45th Quartermaster Company, 45th Infantry Division*, 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 loyalty, determination, and esprit de corps 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 861, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 17 September 1953.*)

11. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion* (third award), and the *157th Medical Food Service Detachment*, attached, are cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 November 1952 to 27 July 1953. Charged with the responsibility of operating, administering, and providing logistical support to 24 tactical and area medical service units, the detachments carried out their numerous duties in a superior manner. Many complex obstacles, including the fact that the 24 units were spread throughout the battle zone, the extreme climatic conditions, and a rapid turnover of personnel, were overcome by members of the detachments through initiative, untiring devotion to duty, and cooperative effort. In addition to their primary mission, the detachments successfully accepted the task of providing most of the ambulance service for prisoners of war repatriated in Operation Little Switch from the time of their initial return until their transport by air to Japan. During the period cited the detachments had no absences without leave and no convictions by courts-martial. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Medical Battalion*, and the *157th Medical Food Service Detachment*, attached, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set them apart from and above other units with similar missions. The resourcefulness, initiative, and ability exhibited by the members of these detachments throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 870, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 20 September 1953.*)

12. The *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 55th Transportation Truck Battalion* (third award), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 January to 31 August 1953. The company efficiently provided command, administrative, and battalion level organizational maintenance to eight transportation truck companies furnishing transportation support to three

corps sectors. Although hampered by a constant turnover of key personnel and operating two more truck companies than is standard for a company of its size, the unit effectively performed all assignments and aided greatly in the successful completion of countless tactical maneuvers in which the battalion participated. By coordinating and supervising the movement of hundreds of thousands of tons of vitally needed supplies, the company contributed materially to the United Nations effort in Korea. The *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 55th Transportation Truck Battalion*, 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 initiative, ability, and esprit de corps exhibited by members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 899, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 1 October 1953.*)

13. The *60th Engineer Searchlight Maintenance Detachment* is cited for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 February to 1 September 1953. Charged with performing third and fourth echelon maintenance on all field artillery searchlights in the X Corps area, the detachment constantly carried out its tasks in a superior manner, thereby enabling various artillery units to effectively accomplish their missions. The detachment also requisitioned and stocked spare parts required for maintenance activities, trained equipment operators and organizational mechanics in maintenance, and improvised spare parts for field maintenance at equipment breakdown sites. Although often harassed by enemy fire and hampered by darkness, rugged terrain, and adverse weather, the members of the detachment consistently displayed exceptional technical skill and dogged determination in successfully performing their duties. Through their diligent efforts in performing repairs on searchlights at the site of the breakdown at any time of the day or night, detachment personnel contributed materially to the combat effectiveness of the artillery units and to the entire United Nations effort. The *60th Engineer Searchlight Maintenance Detachment* displayed such outstanding devotion to duty as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The ingenuity, loyalty, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this detachment reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 926, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 12 October 1953.*)

14. The *62d Engineer Construction Battalion, 24th Engineer Construction Group* (second award), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July 1952 to 1 June 1953. Charged with providing engineer support for the Eighth United States Army, the battalion successfully completed major construction projects and repaired and maintained approximately 200 miles of road network, 60 of which were main supply routes. Although understrength in both officer and enlisted personnel and hampered by the dispersion of attached units over a wide area, the battalion efficiently concluded all tasks on schedule. Among the major accomplishments of the unit were the construction of several major bridges, including the Gridley bridge, the largest in Korea, and the completion of the hemorrhagic-fever hospital, which included facilities for the only hemorrhagic-fever research center in the world. In addition, the battalion supervised the functioning of the Eighth Army Engineer Specialist School, which provided the trained personnel for the efficient opera-

tion of engineer equipment in the combat area. The *62d Engineer Construction Battalion, 24th Engineer Construction Group*, 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 initiative, ability, and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this battalion throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 971, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 29 October 1953.*)

15. The *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 69th Transportation Truck Battalion* (third award), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July 1952 to 31 July 1953. The company efficiently provided the necessary administrative control and logistical support of three transportation truck companies engaged in the movement of essential supplies, equipment, and personnel in the combat zone. Although confronted with formidable obstacles in establishing and maintaining liaison with elements of United Nations forces throughout Korea and hampered by a constant shortage of trained and experienced personnel, the unit effectively supervised the transport of numerous Republic of Korea Army divisions and units without accident. During a part of the period, the company successfully coordinated the efforts of the battalion while it was engaged in a field test to determine the feasibility of substituting a transportation truck battalion (combat) for the general purpose vehicles (cargo) of an infantry division. In addition, the company maintained a constant supply of critically needed vehicle parts for the task companies, performed regular 6,000-mile vehicle inspections, and supervised the 1,000-mile inspections carried out by the task companies. The *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 from and above other units with similar missions. The initiative, ability, and esprit de corps exhibited by members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service. (*General Orders 972, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, 29 October 1953.*)

16. The *589th Quartermaster Technical Detachment* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 April 1952 to 27 July 1953. Assigned the mission of collecting intelligence from prisoners of war, and research on captured enemy material and documents, the detachment accomplished its duties at all times in the most thorough and commendable manner. Often functioning under direct enemy observation and required to travel by air, rail, and jeep in order to obtain material essential to its mission, members of the detachment were motivated by a unity of purpose which overcame all difficulties. The detachment submitted approximately 160 technical intelligence reports on captured enemy material, shipped some 200 items to the Office of the Quartermaster General for study analysis and played an important part in many special research projects. The *589th Quartermaster Technical Detachment* 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 courage, initiative, and loyalty exhibited by the members of this battalion throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 846, Eighth United States Army, 15 September 1953.*)

V. **II. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.**—So much of paragraph 1, section I, DA General Orders 10, 1953, pertaining to the *1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion*, as reads "29 August 1950 to 31 April 1952" is amended to read "29 August 1950 to 30 April 1952."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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