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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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**REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.**—The *Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation* which was awarded by the Republic of Korea to the following unit of the United States Army is confirmed in accordance with AR 220-315:

84th United States Engineer Construction Battalion

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION** awarded by citation dated 4 July 1953, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for exceptionally meritorious service to the Republic of Korea during the period 1 November 1952 to 4 July 1953, inclusive, with citation as follows:

The 84th United States Engineer Construction Battalion, Second United States Engineer Construction Group, rendered outstanding service to the Government of the Republic of Korea by constructing a double lane bridge across Imjin River. In spite of the magnitude of the project, the work was adventurously begun by the enthusiastic and capable men of the Battalion. Extreme difficulties in setting steel-pilings and concrete columns failed to daunt the men, and the project was carried forward with determination, courage, and esprit de corps. Every phase of the task was marked by the competent performance and steadfast devotion to duty of 760 American soldiers, 206 Republic of Korea Army personnel assigned to the organization, and 120 civilians. Two men gave their lives during the six months the Battalion devoted their best energies to accomplishing this worthy project. The bridge will serve as a main supply route for the western portion of the Front, and will prove of international significance in contributing to the success of the United Nations campaign in Korea and to the reconstruction of our war-torn country. The meritorious accomplishment of the officers and men of the 84th United States Engineer Construction Battalion is in keeping with the highest humanitarian and military traditions and reflects great glory upon the Battalion and the United Nations in the fight against Communist aggression in Korea.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

M. B. RIDGWAY,  
*General, United States Army,*  
*Chief of Staff.*

OFFICIAL:

WM. E. BERGIN,  
*Major General, United States Army,*  
*The Adjutant General.*

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