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I. DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION.—As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1948), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), the following unit is cited under AR 220-315 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The *Third Turkish Brigade, Turkish Armed Forces Command*, and the following attached units: *The Turkish Liaison Detachment, 8215th Army Unit; Company B, 1st Marine Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division; and Company C, 1st Marine Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division*, are cited for outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy near Munsan-ni, Korea, during the period 28 to 29 May 1953. On the night of 28 May, an assault, supported by a heavy barrage, was launched by a powerful enemy force, determined to wrest outposts "Elko," "Carson," and "Vegas" from friendly hands. The vallant troops occupying these positions were soon surrounded and hand-to-hand combat ensued. With great tenacity and courage, the friendly troops fought on until, with only three of them still standing on outpost "Carson," the first position fell. Despite the tremendous number of casualties they had suffered, the foe intensified the attack on the two remaining terrain features, rushing repeatedly up the slopes only to be hurled back by the gallant defenders. Friendly reinforcements arrived together with concentrated artillery support. All fire power was brought to bear on the charging enemy, as the defending troops fought desperately to hold. The foe came on in seemingly endless numbers and friendly tanks moved into highly vulnerable positions to fire at close range. Friendly casualties were heavy, but the toll of enemy dead was enormous. The determined foe paid apparently no attention to their thousands of casualties and appeared prepared to sacrifice thousands more to gain their objectives. Realizing that these friendly outposts could not hope to stand in the face of the endless waves of hostile troops, the friendly command ordered the outpost defenders to withdraw to the main line of resistance. The extraordinary heroism, single-mindedness of purpose, and magnificent fighting spirit exhibited by the members of the *Third Turkish Brigade, Turkish Armed Forces Command*, and attached units throughout this crucial battle resulted in the frustration of enemy plans to breach the main line of resistance, thus reflecting the greatest credit on themselves and the military profession.

II. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (second award).—By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 220-315, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated. The citation reads as follows:

The *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Engineer Construction Group*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 July 1952 to 1 November 1953. Maintaining efficient administrative and operational control of its subordinate engineer construction elements, the *Head-*

quarters and Headquarters Company, exercised astute staff planning, engineering, and supply procurement in executing each of its assigned military projects. Functioning as a highly efficient team, this unit supervised the expeditious construction of troop shelters, storage, and operating facilities for numerous supply depots, prisoner of war camps, and Army headquarters installations, as well as directing the construction and maintenance of an extensive network of roads and main supply routes. In addition, this unit directly supervised the accomplishments of tasks never before assigned comparable units in a combat theater, such as erecting vital military bridges over the strategic Imjin River and the construction of vast facilities to implement the Military Armistice Agreement, under rigorous time schedules, despite mine and battlefield hazards and tremendous supply problems. The ability of this unit to adjust itself to personnel shortages by effectively utilizing Korean military elements and the willingness and determination of its men to work long hours regardless of inclement weather and personal sacrifices set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The remarkable standards of achievement upheld by the *Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Engineer Construction Group*, reflect great credit on themselves, individual members, and the military establishment.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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

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

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