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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:

5th Regimental Combat Team
5th Infantry Regiment
555th Field Artillery Battalion
72d Engineer Combat Company

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION awarded by citation dated 19 December 1953, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for exceptionally meritorious service to the Republic of Korea during the period 31 July 1950 to 27 July 1953, inclusive, with citation as follows:

The 5th Regimental Combat Team, during the defense of Taegu, 31 July to 1 September 1950, demonstrated the highest degree of initiative in developing the defenses of the Masan area and later advanced successfully against the enemy to Chonju and Sobuk-sun as part of Task Force Dean.

From 16 September to 2 November 1950, the unit spearheaded the breakout of the Pusan perimeter, and followed this action with a punishing defeat of enemy forces in the Waegwan area between 25 November 1950 and 24 January 1951. Maintaining contact with the retreating enemy, the unit engaged in a spirited and effective pursuit from Kimchon north of Chonju.

Preparatory to offensive action, the 5th Regimental Combat Team conducted a successful retrograde movement and rear guard action under difficult circumstances. Having achieved a superlative degree of discipline and control in this operation, the Unit counterattacked and seized positions south of Kim-sung, consolidating them during the period 25 January to 5 April 1951. The Unit then engaged in a holding and rear guard action and subsequently launched a brilliant counterattack against the Chinese Communists.

Between 9 July 1951 and 27 November 1951, the Unit performed superbly in securing line *Nomad*, then, from 16 January 1952 to 15 April 1953, line *Minnesota*, and in duty with Prisoners of War encamped on *Koje-do*.

During the almost three years cited, the 5th Regimental Combat Team fought almost continuously as a unit superlatively organized with a high sense of responsibility and standards of performance. Worthy of special commendation is the exceptional versatility displayed by this Command in its ability to execute with brilliance and aplomb the highly difficult sequence of tactical operations in the face of a numerically superior and ruthless enemy.

The valorous achievements of the 5th Regimental Combat Team reflect honor on its heroic members. The service rendered to the nations of the Free World is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and the United Nations.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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