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I..GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.—By direction of the President, the Chief, Korea Military Advisory Group, was empowered, pursuant to the eighth article of war, to appoint general courts martial, *effective as of 1 July 1949.*

[AG 250.4 (80 Jun 49)]

II. ARMY INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.—*Effective as of 1 July 1949*, the Army Institute of Pathology, Washington 25, D. C., a class II activity under the control of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, was redesignated the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, an independent activity under the control of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, with the broad administrative and professional policies controlled by joint agreement of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army; the Surgeon General, Department of the Navy; and the Surgeon General, Department of the Air Force.

[AG 040 (20 Jun 49)]

III..RICHMOND GENERAL DEPOT, U. S. ARMY, VIRGINIA.—So much of section I, DA General Orders 8, 1949, as reads "Richmond Quartermaster Depot, U. S. Army," is amended to read "Richmond Quartermaster Depot."

[AG 680.1 (27 Jun 49)]

IV..UTILIZATION OF SPACE.—*Effective as of 18 June 1949*, the unit of real property at 111 East Sixteenth Street, New York City, New York, was transferred from the jurisdiction of the Chief of Engineers to the Quartermaster General, and the New York Quartermaster Procurement Administrative Agency located thereat was designated a class II activity under the control of the Quartermaster General.

[AG 680.2 (16 Jun 49)]

V..BATTLE HONORS.—As authorized by Executive Order 9398 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1948), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), the following units are cited under the provisions of AR 280-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The 17th Infantry Regiment and the following-attached units:

- Company A, 767th Tank Battalion;
- 91st Chemical Company (less 1st and 3d Platoons);
- Company A, 7th Medical Battalion; and
- Company A, 18th Engineer Battalion,

are cited for exceptionally outstanding performance of duty in action on Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 23 to 30 October 1944. On 23 October, the regiment launched an attack that secured the barrios of Julita, Tanganan, San Pablo, and the vital airfield at San Pablo. Continuing the attack against fanatical resistance, the combat team, with its flanks exposed, advanced on Dagami. Approaching the town, violent and bitter resistance was encountered in the "Battle of the Stone Bridge." This enemy position dominating and guarding the approaches to Dagami consisted of numerous pillboxes fully manned, protected

by tank traps, mines, and rice paddies. Driving forward, the battalions, by aggressive and courageous fighting, overcame this last major obstacle protecting the town. In one of the hardest fought and bloodiest actions of the Leyte campaign, the regiment and its attached units annihilated elements of three enemy regiments, captured two airfields, and secured the corps beachhead line in its zone. The invincible fighting spirit and outstanding achievements of the *17th Infantry Regiment* and attached units were major contributions to the success of the Leyte campaign and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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