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I. DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION.—As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, WD Bull 11, 1942), the following units are cited under AR 260-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citations read as follows:

1. The *1st Marine Air Wing, Fleet Marine Force*, is cited for outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in the areas of Chosin Reservoir, Hagaru-ri, and Koto-ri, Korea, during the period 22 November to 14 December 1950. The historic role of close-support air missions flown by personnel on land and carrier based aircraft during the operations of the X Corps, United States Army, contributed immeasurably to the successful withdrawal of the X Corps when hordes of Chinese Communist and North Korean troops had encircled their positions endangering the entire operation. In their magnificent employment of close-support doctrine and in their exceedingly effective interdiction missions and night combat air patrols, the *1st Marine Air Wing* flew 2,572 day and night sorties during this period, inflicting 10,313 enemy casualties and destroying 723 buildings, 144 vehicles, 17 tanks, 9 bridges, 4 locomotives, 3 command posts, 30 boxcars, 47 gun positions, and 19 supply, ammunition, and fuel dumps. These missions were flown over hazardous mountain terrain under extremely adverse weather conditions and in the face of intense enemy antiaircraft and small-arms fire. The normally ground-based Tactical Air Direction Center was ingeniously improvised into an airborne center in a C-54 aircraft without appreciable loss of efficiency in operations and the responsibility for controlling aircraft was assumed and accomplished in a remarkable manner through day and night operation by controlling personnel. Airborne tactical air coordinators also were established to supplement the airborne center to direct specific strikes in areas not under surveillance of ground control parties, to the end that every available sortie was utilized to maximum effectiveness. In the evacuation of friendly casualties by cargo airplanes, the use of helicopters for rescue of air personnel shot down by the enemy and the evacuation of wounded, and the high state of aircraft availability maintained by ground personnel working under hazardous and extremely adverse conditions because of intense cold, personnel of the entire *1st Marine Air Wing* displayed fortitude, courage, and marked esprit de corps. Although suffering a considerable loss of personnel and equipment during this trying period, the morale and effectiveness of the *1st Marine Air Wing* were sustained at a constantly high level. The repeated acts of valor and gallantry by the officers and men of the *1st Marine Air Wing, Fleet Marine Force*, and their enviable combat record reflect great credit on the members thereof and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

2. The *2nd Infantry Division* and the following attached units: *2d Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment*; *1st Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne)* (second award); *800th Armored Field Artillery Battalion* (less Battery B); *Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 937th Field Artillery Battalion*; *Battery C, 937th Field Artillery Battalion*; *196th Field Artillery Battalion*; *Battery B, 17th*

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Field Artillery Battalion; 1st and 2d Platoons, 92d Engineer Searchlight Company; Air Liaison Officer and Air Control Parties, 2d Infantry Division; 20th Signal Air-Ground Liaison Company Radio Team, 2d Infantry Division; 252d Transportation Truck Company; the French Infantry Battalion, United Nations Forces (third award); and the Netherlands Detachment, United Nations Forces (second award), are cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the armed enemy in the vicinity of Hongchon, Korea, during the period 16 to 22 May 1951. Defending the critical sector of the Eighth Army battle front, the 2d Infantry Division and attached units faced a hostile force of 12 Chinese Communist divisions with an estimated strength of 120,000 troops. The Third Chinese Communist Army Group drove the full force of its savage assault against the 2d Infantry Division with the specific mission of annihilation of the unit. The right flank of the unit was completely exposed when enemy pressure broke through adjacent United Nations elements. Pressure increased and each night enemy forces bypassed the staunch defenders and occupied positions to their rear areas. Tactical units of the 2d Infantry Division launched fierce counterattacks which destroyed enemy penetrations, successfully extricated themselves, and through readjustment of positions, stopped the onslaught of the Chinese Communist forces. Executing planned withdrawals and extending their flank eastward over extremely rugged, mountainous terrain, the 2d Infantry Division contained and held all enemy attempts to envelop and destroy the Eighth Army. The heroic and determined stand by the 2d Infantry Division and attached units provided critically required time for other Eighth Army units to regroup and block the attempted enemy envelopment. Without thought of defeat, this heroic unit demonstrated superb battlefield courage, knowledge, and discipline and displayed such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing this extremely difficult and hazardous mission as to set it apart and above other units participating in similar operations. Its sustained brilliance in battle, resolution, and extraordinary heroism reflect unsurpassed credit on those courageous soldiers who participated and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army, the United Nations Forces, and their own homelands. (This citation constitutes additional awards as indicated to the following units: 23d Infantry Regiment (less 3d Battalion) (second award); 3d Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment (third award); 37th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How.) (second award); Battery B, 82d Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (second award); Battery B, 503d Field Artillery Battalion (second award); Company B, 2d Engineer Battalion (second award); and 2d Clearing Platoon, Clearing Company, 2d Medical Battalion (second award).)

3. The 27th Infantry Regiment (less Heavy Tank Company and 3d Battalion), 25th Infantry Division (second award), and the following attached units: 8th Field Artillery Battalion (less Battery C) (second award); Company A, 79th Tank Battalion; and Company A, 65th Engineer Combat Battalion, are cited for exceptionally outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism in combat against the armed enemy at Sangnyong-ni, Korea, during the period 23 to 26 July 1950. During this period, numerically superior enemy forces attempted to penetrate the defensive positions along the main supply route. The 27th Infantry Regiment and attached units were subjected to numerous and sustained "banzai" attacks. By countless individual, group, and unit acts of extraordinary

heroism, these units engaged, fought, and repelled each concerted assault. The *27th Infantry Regiment* and attached units inflicted over 3,000 casualties, destroyed large quantities of equipment of all types, including tanks, and captured valuable military supplies and equipment. The outstanding courage and resolute fighting qualities displayed by all personnel in the repulsion of repeated fanatic attacks during the period of continuous fierce and hand-to-hand combat resulted in the retention of critical terrain. These achievements were major contributions to the success of the defensive operations. The *27th Infantry Regiment* (less Heavy Tank Company and 3d Battalion), *25th Infantry Division*, and attached units displayed such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing their mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set them apart and above other units with similar missions. The outstanding battlefield performance reflects the greatest credit on each unit and is in keeping with the recognized traditions of the United States Army.

II. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.—By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 260-15, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated. The citations read as follows:

1. The *3d Airfield Construction Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater in support of combat operations during the period 15 December 1944 to 19 June 1945. Assigned a mission, with the 1874th Engineer Aviation Battalion, of constructing the original runway and dispersals at Hill Field, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, with less personnel and equipment than an engineer battalion, this squadron maintained a production schedule that was an inspiration to other larger and better equipped organizations. Men and officers diligently functioned with an enthusiasm and intensity of purpose to raise the production level of each unit of equipment, with the result that the original deadline of 5 days was successfully met. This notable accomplishment was of vital importance in affording air protection for installations located at this base, a defense against highly probable enemy counterattack, and a base for support and air cover for other vital combat operations. Immediately thereafter, this squadron was assigned the mission of constructing roads and bridges for the base, concurrently with the additional projects of constructing warehouses, hospitals, bomb dumps, and the restoration of power and water systems for the installation. Energetically attacking these projects with the same enthusiasm and steadfast purpose, the personnel of the *3d Airfield Construction Squadron* successfully completed the assigned tasks with alacrity, despite frequent enemy air attacks and the necessity of intermittently having to work under black-out conditions. During this outstanding performance, the appearance of the personnel and unit equipment remained at a continued high level, and the singular achievements attained place this unit above and beyond those of a similar type meeting normal requirements. The consistently high standard of operating efficiency, teamwork, morale, discipline, and devotion to duty reflects great credit on the *3d Airfield Construction Squadron* and the *Royal Australian Air Force*.

2. The *3d Quartermaster Company, 3d Infantry Division*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea

in support of combat operations during the period 15 November 1950 to 15 June 1951. Shortly after its arrival in Korea, the *3d Quartermaster Company* was assigned the mission of supporting the off-loading of the 3d Infantry Division, and at the same time resupplying units widely dispersed along the eastern coast of North Korea. When the enemy launched its huge offensive in November, the *3d Quartermaster Company*, by its superb efforts, evacuated over 15,000 tons of quartermaster supplies through the ports of Wonsan and Hungnam. Notwithstanding adversities, all quartermaster supplies and equipment were successfully evacuated, and nothing destroyed or abandoned. In addition, the company continued to perform the normal functions of resupplying and servicing the 3d Infantry Division during the crucial periods of defense. Only through the tireless efforts and outstanding energy of all concerned were these tasks completed within a minimum of time and in a highly efficient manner. During the United Nations offensive to the Han River, the company performed all tasks assigned with unflinching determination. When the pace became rapid and many moves were required, the company met the situation and the resupply and servicing continued in the usual outstandingly efficient manner. The *3d Quartermaster Company, 3d Infantry Division* displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The enthusiasm, determination, and unity of purpose on the part of the members of this company contributed immeasurably toward the high combat efficiency of the 3d Infantry Division and reflect great credit on themselves, the Quartermaster Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 489, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 2 July 1951.*)

3. The *7th Military Police Company, 7th Infantry Division*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 1 September 1950 to 1 March 1951. The company landed during the early stages of the Inchon invasion and acquitted itself at all times in a highly commendable manner. In the assault upon and the liberation of Suwon and Seoul, the company was assigned the task of setting up vital traffic control points. Despite such trying problems as narrow roads, shortage of personnel, and being almost constantly under enemy mortar and small-arms fire, this unit insured a vital flow of traffic both to and from the front lines. When X Corps was evacuating from the Hungnam beachhead, the *7th Military Police Company* was directly responsible for preventing large numbers of refugees and enemy infiltrators from reaching the beach area, thus aiding in an orderly withdrawal. The *7th Military Police Company, 7th Infantry Division*, displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The determination and esprit de corps of this unit reflect great credit on itself, each individual member, the Military Police Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 494, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 2 July 1951.*)

4. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 67th Ordnance Ammunition Battalion*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 24 July 1950 to 24 January 1951. Upon arrival in Korea, this detachment was redesignated a headquarters and headquarters detachment, ammunition battal-

ion. The battalion then was given the mission of providing ammunition supply support to all United Nations Forces in Korea through forward ammunition supply points, plus the command of attached ordnance ammunition companies and explosive ordnance disposal squads. The problem of converting this unit was accomplished through resourcefulness, skill, and dexterity while under the handicap of extreme shortages of qualified personnel. The challenge of the new mission delegated to this unit was met with fervor and enthusiasm and carried out in an exemplary manner. On many occasions during the period, the personnel of the detachment were called upon to assist in such extra activities as, the renovation and modification of ammunition, collecting and destroying enemy ammunition and matériel, bomb disposal, and demolition of United States ammunition remaining in supply points during withdrawals. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 67th Ordnance Ammunition Battalion*, displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The superb determination and esprit de corps of this unit reflect great credit on its members, the Ordnance Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 497, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 July 1951.*)

5. The *289th Military Police Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 5 December 1950 to 15 June 1951. During this period, the company displayed extraordinary esprit de corps and determination during extremely critical and swiftly changing combat conditions and requirements. During the withdrawal from Seoul on 3 and 4 January, it was the efficient manner in which this company controlled traffic crossing the Han River that orderly evacuation was made possible. The *289th Military Police Company* displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The exemplary conduct of members of this company by perseverance, improvisations, skill, and ingenuity insured the successful accomplishment of all assigned missions and reflect great credit on themselves, the Military Police Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 488, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 2 July 1951.*)

6. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 328th Ordnance Battalion*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 24 September 1950 to 23 March 1951. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment* planned, organized, and furnished technical and administrative supervision of ammunition supply for X Corps in the amphibious assault of Inchon and subsequent recapture of Seoul. Later, in the offensive in northeastern Korea and in the withdrawal to South Korea, the detachment consistently performed very difficult assignments in an exceptional manner contributing materially to the success of X Corps. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 328th Ordnance Battalion*, displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The ability, determination, and esprit de corps of the members of this unit reflect great credit on themselves, the Ordnance Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 491, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 2 July 1951.*)

7. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 335th Ordnance Battalion*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 11 August 1950 to 11 February 1951. Assigned the mission of the complete administration and operation of the only ammunition depot in Korea, this detachment repeatedly accomplished its vital but seemingly impossible mission of receiving, storing, and shipping ammunition to forward areas under adverse conditions. During the critical period from 11 August to 15 September, the detachment not only continuously received and shipped ammunition to forward areas, but also moved the entire depot from one location to another. There was never a shipping order or requirement which was not promptly and correctly processed. The 350,000 tons of ammunition received, stored, and shipped to forward areas by this depot during the period cited contributed materially to the combat operations of the United Nations troops in Korea. *Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 335th Ordnance Battalion*, displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The meritorious conduct of the members of this detachment reflects great credit on themselves, the Ordnance Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 498, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 July 1951.*)

8. The *522d Signal Construction Company* is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 11 July 1950 to 11 January 1951. As the first signal construction company to arrive in Korea after the beginning of the conflict, extremely heavy missions of installing and maintaining land line telephone communications from Eighth Army to all subordinate units were assigned to this unit. In subsequent months as the adverse tactical situation became more fluid, necessitating the rapid and frequent movement of command posts, the difficulty of maintaining adequate communications facilities became more pronounced. Yet this unit, by working diligently and tirelessly over difficult terrain and under adverse weather conditions, was able to maintain a high standard of communication efficiency. Many shortages of important signal supplies and equipment necessitated improvisation of field expedients. The *522d Signal Construction Company* displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The high degree of skill, morale, and determination with which the members of this organization performed their tasks reflect great credit upon themselves, the Signal Corps, and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 504, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 July 1951.*)

9. *Company B, 532d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, 2d Engineer Special Brigade*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 1 September 1950 to 1 March 1951. During the assault landing at the Port of Inchon, this unit, through its untiring efforts and determination, made a major contribution toward the successful operation of X Corps. In addition to lightening vitally needed war supplies, personnel, and equipment of X Corps during the early stages of the operation, this company was required to furnish boats and coxswains for the successful crossing of the Han River in the capture

of Seoul. Later, this unit contributed greatly in the successful evacuation of the Port of Hungnam. Following the evacuation of Hungnam, this unit continued to furnish outstanding logistical support of the United Nations Forces in Korea. *Company B, 532d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, 2d Engineer Special Brigade*, displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The spirit, efficiency, morale, discipline, and devotion to duty exemplified by the members of this unit are worthy of the highest praise and reflect credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 503, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 3 July 1951.*)

10. The *Medical Detachment, 532d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, 2d Engineer Special Brigade*, is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period 1 September 1950 to 1 March 1951. During the period cited, the detachment operated the beach evacuation stations at Inchon, Iwon, and Hungnam, where battle casualties and injured troops were administered first aid and evacuated to either a hospital ship or Army field hospital. The detachment worked with untiring efforts over periods of long duration to provide comfort for the wounded troops and minimize loss of life. Following the Hungnam evacuation, the detachment operated the beach evacuation station for the Port of Ulsan until 14 February in a superlative manner. On 14 February, the detachment was moved to Inchon, where it operated the beach evacuation station when the port was reopened. The *Medical Detachment, 532d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, 2d Engineer Special Brigade*, displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The spirit of efficiency, morale, discipline, and devotion to duty exemplified by members of this detachment are worthy of the highest praise and reflect credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 515, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 5 July 1951.*)

11. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 260-15, the Meritorious Unit Commendation with the numeral "2" is awarded to the following unit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated. The citation reads as follows:

The 304th Signal Operation Battalion is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Korea in support of combat operations during the period July 1950 to January 1951. During this period, the 304th Signal Operation Battalion was charged with the mission of providing communications from Eighth Army Headquarters to major subordinate commands. However, in the early critical stages of the Korean campaign, this unit not only performed its assigned function, but provided vital radio and wire communication teams to infantry units of regimental and battalion size, despite the most adverse conditions. Despite shortages of personnel and equipment, the 304th Signal Operation Battalion not only performed these additional missions with credit, but accomplished its designated mission of installing, operating, and maintaining the communication facilities at Eighth Army Headquarters during the Pusan perimeter, and later in Seoul and Pyongyang. The 304th Signal Operation Battalion displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with

similar missions. The high degree of skill, morale, discipline, and the willingness with which the members of this organization performed the tasks allotted them reflects great credit on themselves and the military service of the United States. (*General Orders 393, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, Korea, 2 June 1951.*)

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