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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 units of the United States Army is confirmed in, accordance with AR 220-315:

Headquarters and Headquarters
Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group,
and attached units as follows:

176th Armored Field Artillery
Battalion

300th Armored Field Artillery
Battalion

987th Armored Field Artillery
Battalion

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION awarded by citation dated 31 October 1952, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for outstanding and superior performance of duty during the period from 7 February 1952 to 15 September 1952, inclusive, with citation as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Group, has rendered superlative artillery support for Republic of Korea units exclusively. While providing artillery support for II Republic of Korea Corps in active combat against an aggressor communist enemy, the 5th Field Artillery Group and attached United States units have contributed materially to the successful development and expansion of the Republic of Korea Army. Overcoming barriers of language and customs with tact and diplomacy, they imparted sound, comprehensive knowledge of artillery techniques to all Republic of Korea units which were initially attached and to all field artillery groups and light artillery battalions subsequently activated. Continually evidencing exceptional ingenuity and resourcefulness, and overcoming myriad difficulties which confronted an undertaking of unprecedented magnitude, 5th Field Artillery Group planned and established an extensive program of training for Republic of Korea artillery units. In order to accomplish the monumental task, numerous schools were established to facilitate and expedite training and a wealth of artillery reference material was published, employing interlinear translation into the Korean language. This invaluable technical-training material was later published in volume for distribution to all Republic of Korea artillery units

and to the Artillery School. This alone was a herculean undertaking. The proficiency and highly developed skill demonstrated by Republic of Korea artillery units in active combat operations is a tribute to the mastery of the training techniques employed by the 5th Field Artillery Group. The personnel of the 5th Field Artillery Group and attached United States units have repeatedly demonstrated their devotion to the principle of democracy and freedom by standing side by side with our own gallant soldiers during combat operations. It is with extreme gratitude that the people of Korea will remember the valiant and meritorious service rendered by the 5th Field Artillery Group. Their exemplary performance and devotion to duty has been an outstanding example reflecting great credit upon the personnel of these units, and is in the highest tradition of the military service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OFFICIAL:

WM. E. BERGIN
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

J. LAWTON COLLINS
Chief of Staff, United States Army

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