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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9396 (Sec I, WD Bul 11,1942) superseding Executive Order 9075 (Sec III, WD Bul 11,1942), and pursuant to authority in AR 220-315, the following units are cited as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction.

COMPANY A, 5TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 5TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM and the following attached units:

FIRST SECTION, MACHINE GUN PLATOON PLATOON, COMPANY D, 5TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 5TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

FORWARD OBSERVER TEAM, 555TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, 5TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in performance of exceptionally difficult tasks in the vicinity of Songnae-Dong, Korea. On the morning of 12 June 1953, these units relieved other United Nations forces defending a vital outpost and successfully withstood five separate attacks by overwhelming enemy forces during the next twenty-four hours. After earlier mass attacks had been halted by combined defensive fires, the hostile element attacked under a tremendous artillery and mortar barrage during the evening and gained a foothold on the right flank of the position. Refusing to withdraw, the United Nations units closed in hand-to-hand combat and destroyed the enemy forces. After an artillery barrage, waves of enemy troops assaulted both the right and the left flanks of the outpost but were again annihilated. In a final effort another onslaught of hostile forces charged against both the front and the flanks of the United Nations forces and again succeeded in entering the trenches. The courageous defenders launched a series of counterattacks, routed the enemy and restored the position. The complete devotion to duty and outstanding courage exhibited by the members of COMPANY A and the attached units in hand-to-hand combat were instrumental in the successful defense of the key position. The magnificent fighting spirit of these organizations reflects great credit on themselves and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL TAYLOR

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