

Munsan-Changdan-Samichon

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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:

25th Infantry Division:
Headquarters
Headquarters Company
Medical Detachment, Division Headquarters
25th Infantry Division Band
25th Signal Company
25th Military Police Company
725th Ordnance Battalion
25th Quartermaster Company
25th Reconnaissance Company
25th Replacement Company
14th Infantry (Regiment)
27th Infantry (Regiment)
36th Infantry (Regiment)
Division Artillery:
Headquarters and Headquarters
Battery
Medical Detachment, Division Artillery
8th Field Artillery Battalion
64th Field Artillery Battalion
69th Field Artillery Battalion
90th Field Artillery Battalion
21st Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion
(AW) (SP)
65th Engineer Combat Battalion
89th Tank Battalion
25th Medical Battalion

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION awarded by citation dated 18 September 1954, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for exceptionally meritorious service to the Republic of Korea during the period 5 May to 9 July 1953, inclusive, with citation as follows:

The 25th Division gallantly and courageously defended the Munsan-Changdan-Samichon sector against an overwhelming and numerically superior Chinese Communist force. During the period 27 to 28 May, outposts Vegas, Carson, Elko and Berlin, salients of the Division sector, were subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire by enemy forces, thereby giving indication of an impending large-scale attack. Under cover of heavy fire, the enemy struck these outposts in battalion strength the night of 28 May. They were repulsed and the action was broken off. It was renewed in the early morning hours of 29 May and continued throughout the day, resuming with full fury the night of 29 May, when battalion, regimental, and division strength of the enemy assailed the outposts. Outpost Vegas was hit repeatedly but stubborn and heroic resistance continued. Division forces held outpost Elko in the face of heavy fighting. In the early morning of 30 May elements of the 14th Infantry were thrown into battle to aid and relieve the Turkish forces which held the outposts. Heavy fighting continued during daylight hours around Elko and Vegas and with night the enemy moved forward in a new attack on Carson and Elko. Again elements of the 14th Infantry counter-attacked the Elko-Carson position and secured Elko, holding it under

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heavy fire until withdrawing under orders, together with the Turkish forces on Vegas. During the day of 30 May the 14th Infantry completed its relief of the left portion of the Turkish Brigade on the Main Line of Resistance. In this action the enemy secured outposts Carson, Elko, Vegas and Berlin, but only at the greatest cost, and was able to hold them only because the defending forces were withdrawn. The enemy forces failed in their chief objective, which was to breach the Main Line of Resistance at a point where it guarded one of the three main routes of entrance into Seoul.

In their outstanding and heroic performance of duty the men of the 25th United States Infantry Division gave freely of their strength, their blood, and their lives. Their conduct was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

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