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10 May 1953

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO: Lieutenant Colonel George Koumanakos
Commanding Officer
Greek Expeditionary Forces Korea

I am deeply appreciative of the fine support rendered by the Greek Expeditionary Forces Korea. From my personal observations I have gained the distinct impression that the outstanding sense of mission, will to fight, and soldierly qualities demonstrated so frequently by the GEFK stem from those held so strongly by their commander.

During the entire four months period of your command, the quality of your leadership left nothing to be desired. Your unit has acquitted itself most creditably from every engagement with the enemy. Your expert knowledge of tactics was directly responsible for the planning and execution of patrols which intercepted enemy assault forces before they could reach the main battle position, thus catching them unprepared and inflicting such heavy casualties on them that they could not launch an attack.

Your well conceived plan for organizing ground was executed by your troops with speed and vigor on all occasions thereby offering the enemy no opportunity for a successful penetration of your positions.

Your dynamic leadership was directly responsible for the willing response of your troops to meet any challenge of enemy action or the elements, and to overcome them without exception. I therefore desire to commend you and request that this letter be made a part of your official file.

GEORGE SRYDNE
Major General, USA
Commanding

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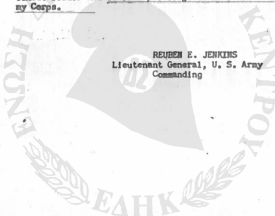
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HEADQUARTERS IX CORPS, APO 264, U.S. Army, 12 May 1953

TO: Commanding General, Eight United States Army, APO 301

1. Inviting attention to request contained in preceding indorsement.
2. I concur wholeheartedly in the commendatory remarks of Major General Smythe. Lieutenant Colonel Koumanakos is an outstanding combat leader and it is a privilege to have him command a unit in my Corps.

REUBEN E. JENKINS
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army
Commanding



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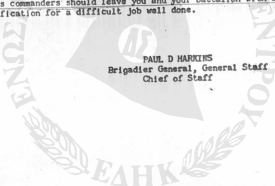
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HQ EIGHT UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 301, 21 May 1953

THRU: Commanding General, 3d U.S. Infantry Division, APO 668

TO: Lt Colonel George Koumanakos, Commanding Officer, Greek Expeditionary Forces Korea

The Army Commander has been gratified to note the fine commendation covering the fighting qualities and the high esprit of the Greek Expeditionary Forces in Korea, particularly during the four (4) months that you have commanded this organization. The leadership, knowledge and tactics, and cooperation displayed by you as evidenced by the remarks of your division and corps commanders should leave you and your battalion with a deep sense of gratification for a difficult job well done.



PAUL D HARKINS
Brigadier General, General Staff
Chief of Staff