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VALOROUS UNIT CITATION—Awards Section I  
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/—**VALOROUS UNIT AWARD.** By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 202.1, AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is awarded the following named units of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the periods indicated:

The citations read as follows:

1. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

COMPANY B, 2D BATTALION, 8TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) for extraordinary heroism:

COMPANY B, 2D BATTALION, 8th CAVALRY, 1st CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism on 16 and 17 May 1966 during a three day mission to search out and destroy a suspected Viet Cong concentration in Binh Dinh Province in the Republic of Vietnam. At 1400 hours, the lead platoon spotted a single insurgent, fired at him, and was immediately engulfed by a barrage of fire from many Viet Cong bunkers. The platoon tried repeatedly to maneuver against the enemy and gain fire superiority, but the insurgents were present in such large numbers, that the friendly unit was pinned down in its positions and sustaining casualties. Despite the fierceness of the Viet Cong assaults, the lead men twice counterattacked the enemy to retrieve casualties from the battlefield, and then drew back to form a defensive perimeter. As a torrential downpour began, the numerically superior Viet Cong force closed in from all directions. The friendly platoons dug into defensive positions and gathered the wounded to the center of their circle. Despite steadily mounting casualties, the men of COMPANY B, 2D BATTALION, 8th CAVALRY, 1st CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) resolutely held off human wave attacks by the insurgents and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy until relieved by another rifle company at 2200 hours. The battalion sized Viet Cong force never eased its attack pressure on the unit's perimeter. Since the men were extremely low on ammunition, they were already fixing bayonets to defend their positions in close combat when the insurgents finally broke contact at the arrival of still another friendly unit. The men of COMPANY B, 2D BATTALION, 8th CALVARY, 1st CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

2. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

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TROOP B, 1ST SQUADRON, 9TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) for extraordinary heroism:

TROOP B, 1ST SQUADRON, 9th CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations from 9 to 16 August 1966 near Plei Me, Republic of Vietnam. The men of this unit gallantly conducted search and destroy missions over far-flung areas by spotting enemy elements from reconnaissance aircraft, fixing their position with suppressive fire and engaging them with rapid airmobile tactics. Heedless of the dangers presented by adverse weather conditions, hazardous landing zones and intense hostile fire, TROOP B, 1ST SQUADRON, 9th CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) struck North Vietnamese Army units with devastating effect in a series of classic cavalry operations. To gather valuable intelligence concerning hostile activity, the men of this unit not only engaged hostile forces with lightning-like strikes, but also exposed themselves to extreme danger in locating and capturing numerous enemy soldiers. Manifesting remarkable courage, aggressiveness and indomitable fighting spirit, these soldiers were able to inflict severe losses on insurgent forces in the rugged Central Highlands of Vietnam. The men of TROOP B, 1ST SQUADRON, 9TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

3L The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 10TH AVIATION BATTALION, assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Aviation Battalion

48th Aviation Company

117th Aviation Company

129th Aviation Company

130th Medical Detachment

140th Transportation Detachment

256th Signal Detachment

286th Medical Detachment

296th Signal Detachment (Avionics)

390th Transportation Detachment

394th Transportation Detachment

433d Medical Detachment

579th Signal Detachment

for extraordinary heroism :

The 10TH AVIATION BATTALION assigned and attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period 1 January 1966 to 24 March 1966 in OPERATIONS JEFFERSON, VAN BUREN and HARRISON in the Tuy Hoa Valley. During these operations, the men of the 10TH AVIATION BALLALION enabled Free World Forces to severaly weaken a long-established Viet Cong rule and to protect the local inhabitants' rice harvest.

They flew incredibly long hours of combat assault, combat support and medical evacuation missions, day and night, into areas fortified and extensively tunneled during the insurgents' ten year reign in the valley. By making large friendly ground forces highly airmobile within their operational zone, these aviation units were instrumental in preventing the Viet Cong from securing for their own use the local rice harvest and rendering useless the main supply route between Tuy Hoa and La Hai. Working in close cooperation with airborne infantry units, the 10TH AVIATION BATTALION created new tactical combat techniques. Small ground teams were able to perform undetected reconnaissance missions while maintaining a high degree of strategic security because they could rely on the professional skill and unflinching valor of these aviators during extractions under the most dangerous circumstances. During one massive maneuver, air crews of the 10TH AVIATION BATTALION braved adverse weather conditions to airlift and infiltrate an infantry battalion during an assault which commenced at midnight. The outstanding success of their model operation was the result of the superb technical competence and the indomitable fighting, spirit characteristic of these aviators. The men of the 10TH AVIATION BATTALION displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

4. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 11TH AVIATION BATTALION, assigned and attached units:

116th Aviation Company  
 128th Aviation Company  
 162d Aviation Company  
 173d Aviation Company  
 178th Aviation Company  
 283d Signal Detachment  
 285th Signal Detachment  
 392d Transportation Detachment  
 393d Transportation Detachment  
 400th Transportation Detachment  
 407th Transportation Detachment  
 408th Transportation Detachment  
 431st Medical Detachment  
 432d Medical Detachment  
 450th Signal Detachment  
 451st Signal Detachment  
 758th Medical Detachment  
 759th Medical Detachment

for extraordinary heroism:

The 11TH AVIATION BATTALION assigned and attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period 4 November 1966 to 20 November 1966 in OPERATION ATTLEBORO between Dau Tieng and Suoi Da.

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During a massive confrontation between Viet Cong and free world forces which raged for fifteen days, the 11TH AVIATION BATTALION flew incredibly long hours of combat assault, combat support, medical evacuation and supply missions. Flying well into the night of 4 November, the men of this battalion made an unprecedented airlift of 3500 troops into the zone of conflict. Air crews flew throughout the night of 5 November and, on the following day, transported two battalions of infantry into landing zones north of Suoi Da. Despite preparatory air strikes and artillery fire, the helicopter crews flew through a virtual hail of Viet Cong fire four times to complete their mission. After airlifting five battalions the next day, the men of the 11TH AVIATION BATTALION flew night supply missions into landing zones which were marked and illuminated only by flashing signal lights. During an assault by insurgent forces against a friendly battalion on 8 November, these aviators stretched their own efforts and the capabilities of their equipment to the utmost, to support the ground units. Keeping the friendly forces completely mobile by enormous airlifts, the 11TH AVIATION BATTALION enabled them to inflict devastating casualties on the enemy and to capture a vast amount of supplies. Throughout OPERATION ATTLEBORO, these aerial forces always placed the lives of personnel in supported units and the success of the total mission before their own comfort and safety. Their selfless, unremitting combat support stands as an admirable example of indomitable fighting spirit and dedication to free world counterinsurgency efforts. The men of the 11TH AVIATION BATTALION displayed extraordinary courage and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

5. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 1ST BATTALION, 12TH INFANTRY, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION and attached units:

Battery B, 4th Battalion, 42d Artillery, <sup>1st</sup>-2d Platoon, Company B, 4th Engineer Battalion

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for extraordinary heroism:

The 1ST BATTALION, 12TH INFANTRY, and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations from 11 to 13 November 1966 in the central highlands of Pleiku Province, Republic of Vietnam. When a Vietnamese Mike Force unit made heavy contact with a large North Vietnamese Army force near the Cambodian border and suffered heavy casualties, the battalion was immediately assigned to relieve the pressure on the besieged friendly forces and establish a fire support base in preparation for an assault landing in the area. Despite intense air strikes and artillery fire on the hostile positions prior to the assault, relentless enemy ground fire raked the helicopters, as they carried the troops into the landing zone, and downed two of the assault aircraft. Fighting gallantly against well-dug-in enemy elements, the valiant men of the 1ST BATTALION, 12TH INFANTRY tenaciously forced

the hostile troops back and successfully completed a linkup with the Mike Force. After securing the fire support base the following day and moving out to conduct search and destroy operations in the area, the unit was savagely attacked by an enemy force employing automatic weapons and small arms. At the same time, another hostile unit launched a coordinated attack on the fire support base. By aggressive determination and dauntless courage on widely separated fronts, the men of the battalion resolutely defended against the numerically superior forces and decisively repelled them after inflicting severe losses upon them in men and equipment during the intense fighting. Their inexhaustible discipline enabled them to break up and rout the determined enemy. The men of the 1ST BATTALION, 12TH INFANTRY displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

6. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

COMPANY C, 2D BATTALION, 16TH INFANTRY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION for extraordinary heroism:

While participating in military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, COMPANY C, 2D BATTALION, 16TH INFANTRY distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism on 11 and 12 April 1966 while engaged in search and destroy operations against an armed hostile force near the Courtenay Rubber Plantation, Phuoc Tuy Province, Republic of Vietnam. After sustaining light casualties in several brief encounters with small Viet Cong elements, the company halted to secure a landing zone for the aerial extraction of its wounded. During the evacuation, a numerically overwhelming insurgent force surrounded the company and attempted to attack and overrun the perimeter defenses. Through sound tactical planning and bold leadership, COMPANY C, 2D BATTALION, 16TH INFANTRY fought back with undaunted courage, maintaining fire superiority and repelling numerous enemy assaults. Even under a devastating bombardment of Viet Cong mortars and rifle grenades, the besieged unit fiercely resisted with an indomitable fighting spirit while inflicting heavy casualties on the fanatical insurgents. The gallant defenders continued to tighten the perimeter, recovering their wounded as they closed the gaps in the line. When the Viet Cong made repeated assaults to breach the friendly positions, numerous brave individuals contemptuously exposed themselves, charged into the onrushing enemy and broke the attack with savage hand-to-hand combat. As darkness descended on the ravaged battlefield, COMPANY C, 2D BATTALION, 16TH INFANTRY was virtually cut off from reinforcements and critical supplies. Demonstrating relentless courage, the unit secured the casualties in the center of the shrinking perimeter as the few remaining survivors fearlessly denied the field to the enemy. Aided only by flareships and close artillery fire, the company held its perilous position throughout the night. When the beleaguered

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unit was finally relieved at dawn on 12 April, it had suffered seventy percent casualties, leaving only fifty-one determined men holding their ground. The intrepid stand of this brave United States Army unit uncovered two Viet Cong base camps and drove the enemy from the field, leaving behind numerous weapons, documents and many of their dead. The extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty displayed by the members of COMPANY C, 2D BATTALION, 16TH INFANTRY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

7. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

TROOP E, 17TH CAVALRY, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE  
(SEPARATE) for extraordinary heroism:

TROOP E, 17TH CAVALRY, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE) distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism during the period 5 January 1967 to 25 January 1967 while engaged in Operations NIAGARA/CEDAR FALLS in the Iron Triangle Region near Ben Cat in the Republic of Vietnam. During a series of large scale operations to break hostile control in a long-established stronghold, these men received the mission to ensure the security of allied forces in this sector of woods, rice paddies, and canals. Although the insurgents were well entrenched and accustomed to this terrain, which was perfectly suited for guerrilla tactics, the men of TROOP E, 17TH CAVALRY, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE) methodically searched out the enemy and seriously weakened his strength. They were forced to work in squad elements, seeking insurgents whose hiding places were limitless and whose skills at guerrilla techniques were long practiced. Nevertheless, the unit was able to kill 73 and capture 25 of the Viet Cong. In addition, they captured or destroyed 21 weapons, over 100 tons of rice, large quantities of medical supplies, 56 sampans, and several enemy base camps. Constantly facing death from ambush and booby traps while maneuvering in areas of thick vegetation, rice paddies and deep waterways, these determined men transformed the Viet Cong into a defenseless, retreating enemy. The men of TROOP E, 17TH CAVALRY, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE) displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

8. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 25TH AVIATION BATTALION and attached units:  
53d Aviation Detachment (Provisional), 269th Aviation  
Battalion  
116th Aviation Company, 269th Aviation Battalion  
118th Aviation Company, 145th Aviation Battalion  
for extraordinary heroism:

The 25TH AVIATION BATTALION and assigned and attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while en-

gaged in military operations on 19 July 1966 south of the Saigon River in the Ho Bo Woods, Republic of Vietnam. After two infantry platoons were helilifted into hostile territory, they made contact with well-trenched Viet Cong units and requested armed aircraft support. Gunship crews of the 25TH AVIATION BATTALION aggressively engaged the hostile forces, flying fearlessly at tree top level through intense ground fire. Despite the increasing barrage, these gallant men effectively suppressed the enemy and prevented them from inflicting heavy losses on the besieged forces. As the violent fire fight continued, transport helicopter crews selflessly braved the hostile fire and landed friendly troops within 150 meters of the line of contact. Later in the day, 25TH AVIATION BATTALION transport helicopters were requested to extract friendly elements from the battlefield. Because the infantrymen were still savagely engaged and casualties were scattered throughout the pickup zone, pilots valiantly maneuvered their aircraft from point to point, touching down within two meters of wounded men so that door gunners could quickly lift them inside. Heedless of : ' hits to the aircraft, the crews repeatedly descended into the ravaged ! and rescued numerous stricken soldiers. The selfless, unremitting combat support rendered by these aviators stands as an admirable example of indomitable fighting spirit and dedication to the free world counterinsurgency mission. The men of the 25TH AVIATION BATTALION and assigned and attached units displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

9. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 3D BRIGADE, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION for extraordinary heroism:

COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism on 15 March 1966 while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. When the 35TH INFANTRY base camp was mortared in the early morning hours of 15 March, the 3D PLATOON, COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION set out to pursue and fix the Viet Cong force while the rest of the company prepared to reinforce it when contact with the insurgents was made. Just as the pursuit force was preparing to return to base after a fruitless search, a point man discovered a communications wire and followed it into a hostile camp. The pursuit platoon was quickly engaged and found itself receiving intense fire from two Viet Cong companies. When this friendly unit had been under constant, violent attack for over an hour, another platoon of COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION was helilifted into a nearby landing zone. Although the insurgents threw themselves into a suicidal, human wave attack as the reinforcing unit

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landed, the men repulsed them, inflicted numerous casualties among the insurgents, and began to support their sister platoon against the overwhelmingly larger Viet Cong force. A short time later, a third platoon of COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION arrived and gave the friendly force enough strength to overrun the still numerically superior insurgents. The men of all three platoons dauntlessly assaulted the hostile lines, penetrated the Viet Cong defenses, and drove the enemy from their positions. In coordination with blocking artillery fire, the company then destroyed the two hostile companies. The men of COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION displayed extraordinary courage and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

10. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

COMPANY A, 2D BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY for extraordinary heroism:

COMPANY A, 2D BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations on 2 and 3 August 1966 during Operation PAUL REVERE II in Pleiku Province, Republic of Vietnam. While searching an area of previous hostile contact south of the la Drang River, this company suddenly engaged a North Vietnamese Army battalion. Intense mortar and machine gun fire quickly inflicted many casualties and the men were forced to dig into defensive positions within a small perimeter. All of the wounded who could still fire were placed on the perimeter to help repulse the enemy's human wave attacks. Aided by mortar, artillery and air strikes, the gallant men of COMPANY A, 2D BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY dauntlessly manned their tenuous positions and inflicted heavy losses on the insurgents, forcing them to abandon their attack. Despite continuing probes by hostile elements, the besieged company prepared a helicopter landing zone; however, medical evacuation and supply aircraft were driven off by enemy fire. Soon after the arrival of friendly reinforcements, the fanatic North Vietnamese mounted another wave assault, which was thwarted with the help of massive mortar and artillery support. Throughout the night, the men repulsed repeated probes and received small arms and mortar fire. Although they had suffered numerous casualties early in the battle, they valiantly defended their small perimeter and inflicted severe losses in men and equipment on the enemy. The men of COMPANY A, 2D BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

,11. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:



THE 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION for extraordinary heroism: *amended GOI, 69*

While participating in military operations: The 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism from 17 January 1966 to 25 March 1966 while conducting Operations VAN BUREN and HARRISON against armed hostile forces in the vicinity of Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. After commencing Operation VAN BUREN on 17 January, the 1ST BRIGADE deployed in the Tuy Hoa area to locate, fix, and destroy Viet Cong forces, while simultaneously protecting the local rice harvest from hostile seizure. The 1ST BRIGADE not only defeated the insurgents decisively in four major battles, but also enabled the Vietnamese people to harvest a rice crop triple that of the previous year, when Viet Cong interference was unchecked. At Canh Tinh on 6 February, the 2D BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 502D INFANTRY killed 64 Viet Cong and completely routed a numerically superior hostile force from heavily fortified emplacements. On the following day, the 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 327TH INFANTRY took a toll of 66 insurgents in a savage conflict. During Operation HARRISON, that began on 21 February, the 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 502D INFANTRY continued maneuvers in the Tuy Hoe area by searching out and destroying 118 of the enemy in a 5-hour pitched battle in the rice paddies around My Phu. After three days of difficult marching through mountainous jungle, the 2d BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 327TH INFANTRY discovered a Viet Cong regimental headquarters. The men fiercely broke the hostile defenses that were in a nearly impregnable cave complex and uncovered one of the largest caches captured in the counterinsurgency efforts. While suffering only light casualties in both operations, the 1ST BRIGADE killed more than 500 Viet Cong, wounded hundreds more and captured nearly 500 insurgents and suspects. Not content with merely defeating the enemy, the men of this exceptional unit strengthened the safety and health of the local Vietnamese population by tireless efforts in medical treatment, road building and protection of the valuable rice crop. Their extensive military and civic accomplishments deeply depressed enemy morale and struck an irreparable blow to insurgency efforts in the vicinity of Tuy Hoa. The extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty displayed by the men of the 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

12. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 116TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY, 11TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION, 12TH COMBAT AVIATION GROUP, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE for extraordinary heroism:

The 116TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY, 11TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION, 12TH COMBAT AVIATION GROUP, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism

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while engaged in military operations on 22 and 23 October 1966 in support of Company A, 4th Battalion, 23d Infantry, 25th Infantry Division during "Operation KALIHI." During a fire fight between the infantry company and Viet Cong forces, the men of the 16TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY, 11TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION, 12TH COMBAT AVIATION GROUP 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE fearlessly provided troop transport, medical evacuation, and air fire support for the friendly force. As soon as the helicopters began to extract the infantry unit from the field of combat, the insurgents intensified their efforts to storm the friendly positions. While gunships tried to suppress the hostile fire that blanketed the landing zone, the transports flew in to pick up their troop loads. When several aircraft were shot down by the hostile barrage, the downed crews calmly set up defense perimeters to protect their crippled helicopters. Meanwhile, heedless of the raging fire fight, medical evacuation aircraft repeatedly entered the bullet swept landing zones to remove casualties from the battlefield. Since the infantry unit could not be completely evacuated before nightfall, the men of the 116TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY, 11TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION, 12TH COMBAT AVIATION GROUP, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE flew air cover throughout the night despite darkness, low lying clouds, and rain. Although the insurgents drove relentlessly at the infantry positions and perimeters around the downed helicopters, the aviators enabled the friendly force to hold its positions until they were relieved by reinforcements in the morning. The men of the 116TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY, 11TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION, 12TH COMBAT AVIATION GROUP, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

13. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 145TH AVIATION BATTALION and assigned units:  
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 45th Aviation Battalion

68th Aviation Company  
93d Medical Detachment  
118th Aviation Company  
198th Signal Detachment  
282d Signal Detachment  
334th Aviation Company  
391st Transportation Detachment (CHFM)  
430th Medical Detachment  
573d Transportation Detachment (CHFM)

for extraordinary heroism:

The 145TH AVIATION BATTALION and its assigned units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations on 19 March 1967 near the village of Suoi Tre, Tay Ninh Province in the Republic of Vietnam. While supporting the 3d Brigade, 4th

Infantry Division, the units conducted a total of ten combat assault missions deep in enemy territory. After a successful initial airlift into the unsecured landing zone, the subsequent insertion resulted in disaster due to the detonation of a latent artillery round. The violent explosion set off mines, turning the landing area into a fiery holocaust. Although harassed by intense enemy fire, the valorous elements flew in reinforcements to aid the units already engaged in the conflict. Epitomizing determination and demonstrating a remarkable grasp of the tactical situation, members of the 145TH AVIATION BATTALION located the hostile emplacements and supported the troop carrier ships by delivering accurate and intense fire upon the enemy. Achieving the necessary accuracy by flying directly into the enemy barrage, they, by their courageous and timely actions, prevented additional loss of life and aircraft. The selfless and unremitting support rendered by the units' pilots stands as an example of indomitable fighting spirit and dedication to the counter-insurgency effort of the free world. The men of the 145TH AVIATION BATTALION displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

14. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) for extraordinary heroism:

The 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations on 26 February 1966 and on 16 and 17 March 1966 during OPERATION PHOENIX and OPERATION SILVER CITY north of Saigon. On 26 February, the 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) responded to a call for aid from a heavily engaged infantry company which was deployed around a very small landing zone. Flying through hostile machine gun and small arms fire, the helicopter crews also dangerously skirted surrounding friendly air and artillery strikes. The pilots approached their landing zone at three-top level and were forced to make a nearly vertical descent through very tall trees as the insurgents fired furiously to bring them down. Repeatedly leaving the battle zone, loaded beyond safety limits, the helicopter ambulance crews evacuated eighty-four casualties within 45 minutes of receiving the call for assistance. On 16 March, the 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) responded in full strength to a call from a friendly battalion which had engaged two Viet Cong battalions. Although a supply aircraft had already been downed by hostile fire, and one of their own helicopters was severely damaged by machine gun fire, these medical helicopter crews unflinchingly pursued their mission. Knowing that critically wounded men would die if the evacuation flights were not flown immediately, the pilots again flew their night missions through friendly artillery fire to reach the bullet

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swept landing zones. During the night of 17 March, one helicopter of this unit flew a mission under blackout conditions to extract two critically-wounded men, leaving the landing zone just seconds before six Viet Cong grenades exploded in the zone. The men of the 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE), displayed extraordinary courage and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

15. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 327TH INFANTRY, 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION for extraordinary heroism:

The 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 327TH INFANTRY, 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations on 4 and 5 March 1966 during OPERATION HARRISON near My Phu in the Republic of Vietnam. After initiating a search and destroy operation against a Viet Cong regiment suspected of being in the area of Thanh Phu, Company B engaged an enemy squad and, as it advanced steadily through the insurgent positions, uncovered an increasing number of hostile units. When Company B was slowed by the numerically superior enemy, Company A moved in to encircle the Viet Cong. As they encountered mounting resistance, both companies repeatedly stormed formidable hostile entrenchments and inflicted numerous casualties on the insurgents. Ending a day of fierce conflict, the engaged companies dauntlessly held their tenuous positions for the night. After a grueling and hazardous dawn foot march, Company C joined them to aid in the final assault of My Phu. In a concerted effort, the units of the 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 327TH INFANTRY overran the Viet Cong fortifications while receiving intense rifle, machine gun and mortar fire and the determined charges of a desperate enemy. In many instances, friendly elements were brought to a temporary halt, only to surge again into the enemy lines because of the determination of men, who although wounded, refused to be evacuated from the conflict. Despite the most prodigious odds, the battalion personnel manifested rare aggressiveness and an indomitable fighting spirit until final victory was achieved. The men of the 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 327TH INFANTRY, 1ST BRIGADE, the 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

16. The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 615TH REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM for extraordinary heroism:

The 615TH REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism

while engaged in military operations on 17 February 1967 and 21 March 1967 in Phuoc Tuy Province. While protecting the flank of an infantry battalion, this company engaged numerically superior Viet Cong units deploying to ambush the main friendly force. Without hesitation, the men fiercely attacked the insurgents, but they soon became surrounded and were subjected to intense machine gun, recoilless rifle and mortar fire. The hostile attacks were so determined that the men valiantly resorted to hand-to-hand combat to repulse the enemy. Displaying indomitable fighting spirit and determination, they held the Viet Cong at bay and inflicted numerous casualties on the insurgents by calling in air strikes within fifty meters of friendly positions. On 21 March, elements of a Viet Cong battalion attacked an outpost at Lo Gom manned by the 2d Platoon of the 615TH REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY. The thirty defenders gallantly withstood a vicious bombardment of rockets, automatic weapons and flamethrowers. They turned back repeated assaults on their perimeter by employing air power to inflict heavy losses on the Viet Cong for over three hours. When the enemy withdrew at dawn, the platoon's ammunition was almost totally exhausted, and the heroic soldiers were preparing for a final stand. By their aggressive and courageous actions, the members of this unit have made a significant contribution to the free world counterinsurgency effort. The men of the 615TH REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the armed forces of their country.

**II—MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.** By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following named units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated:

The citations read as follows:

1. THE 1ST AVIATION BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST AVIATION BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from October 1965 to September 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, fortitude and professional skill in providing superb aviation support for the 1st Infantry Division and all allied forces operating in the Vietnamese III Corps Zone. Forced to develop a base of operations from a deserted airstrip immediately upon its arrival in-country, the battalion consistently met its rapidly expanding commitments with a spirit of aggressiveness and resolute determination. During its support of combat assaults, extractions, resupply, rescue and other direct combat support missions, the pilots and crews were regularly subjected to hostile fire. Often losing

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both aircraft and men, the personnel of the 1ST AVIATION BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION unstintingly continued their gallant support in the face of obvious dangers. When operational plans or airmobile tactics were required, the unit would selflessly move to forward areas and work for extended periods under field expedient conditions. Flying under all types of adverse weather and hazardous situations, the pilots, crews and ground support personnel manifested the finest degrees of perseverance, courage and flexibility in ensuring that the committed ground units received the best aviation support possible. Through its unremitting efforts against prodigious odds, the battalion has significantly enhanced the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. The consummate ability and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST AVIATION BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 2. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ARTILLERY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 13 September 1966 to 31 July 1967. Relying on its vast resources of experienced and dedicated personnel, the unit provided superb artillery support to United States and free world forces during a number of vital combat operations. The various staff section elements continually sought improvements in the overall artillery program. By improvising new techniques, the intelligence section made remarkable progress in satisfying requirements peculiar to airmobile operations in an unconventional warfare environment. Utilizing electronic distance measuring equipment, survey teams, interdiction evaluation programs and a master target list, the unit supplied artillery teams with invaluable information, allowing them to direct accurate, voluminous fire on the insurgents. By efficiently conducting replacement, rest and recuperation, award and correspondence programs, the adjutant section of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ARTILLERY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) was able to maintain unit morale at a high level. Preparing a handbook of previous artillery experiences, the Operations section ensured that incoming officers and key noncommissioned officers would benefit from the knowledge accumulated by rotating personnel. This innovation resulted in improved combat readiness in that each of these replacements started his tour of duty with a comprehensive reference document of airmobile artillery techniques. This exemplary unit's singular efforts were instrumental in bolstering artillery aims of the counterinsurgency effort in the republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEAD-

QUARTERS BATTERY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ARTILLERY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 3. THE 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1966 to March 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary dedication, proficiency and technical competence in providing superb medical support to the 1st Infantry Division. Operating under extremely hazardous combat conditions and in a wide operational area, the battalion demonstrated a unique ability to provide forward medical supply points while continuing its base camp operations. The unit personnel readily accepted their prodigious workload and, through singular initiative and versatility, treated and admitted or released more than thirty-two thousand patients during the cited period. Working under the most severe conditions, the 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION personnel diligently maintained the highest possible standards in medical treatment facilities. At the same time, the unit provided numerous supplies and personnel in support of the outstanding civic action program of the 1st Infantry Division. Performing every mission in a most exemplary manner, the battalion has made an immeasurable contribution to the vital medical mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable spirit, skill and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 4. THE 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from May 1966 to November 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and consummate skill in providing complete and reliable intelligence information on enemy forces for the 1st Infantry Division. The prodigious challenge of supporting the widely deployed divisional brigades over, a ten thousand square mile area of operations was met with a spirit of aggressiveness and resolute determination. Despite the adverse environmental and hostile conditions, the unit personnel consistently rendered invaluable service in the screening and translation of captured documents, interpretation and collection of intelligence data and the application of sound counterintelligence measures. Although limited in resources, special teams of the 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION often accompanied maneuver elements on combat missions to interrogate prisoners and

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provide further assistance of immediate tactical importance. In addition, unit members gave unstintingly of their time and talents in the creation of a highly sophisticated intelligence center with data processing capabilities at the division level. Through its remarkable proficiency in all phases of intelligence operations, including aerial photograph and radar image interpretation, order-of-battle planning and target analysis, the detachment has contributed immeasurably to the ability of the 1st Infantry Division to carry out its vital counterinsurgency mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular professionalism, ingenuity and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 5. THE 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: THE 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (AIR RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period December 1965 to August 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary initiative, perseverance and professional acumen in providing unexcelled photographic imagery interpretation and reproduction support to American and free world forces throughout the combat zone. As a direct result of the battalion's assiduous efforts, the aerial tactical reconnaissance mission in Vietnam rapidly developed into an invaluable tool in the overall counterinsurgency struggle. Despite critical shortages in supplies and personnel, combined with the oppressive environment, the members of the battalion consistently accomplished every assigned task. Through selfless determination and long, arduous hours, the 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (AIR RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT) overcame prodigious obstacles to ensure that the combat units in the field were provided with the finest aerial reconnaissance interpretation available. Transportation problems created by hazardous road conditions were expeditiously solved by the judicious utilization of organic aviation resources in delivering vital aerial photography to requesting units. The singular display of technical skill and unremitting resourcefulness exhibited by this unit has made invaluable contributions to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The exemplary performance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (AIR RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 6. THE 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (AIR RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT) (FIELD A)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTAL-



ION (AIR RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT) (FIELD A) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 September 1966 to 31 July 1967. The officers and men of the battalion demonstrated unrelenting perseverance and profound skill in providing superior intelligence support to United States and Free World Forces. In order to amplify aerial reconnaissance support to meet additional requirements, they instituted and developed an intense education and training program, covering many phases of in-country aerial reconnaissance and resulting in increased unit imagery interpretation and reproduction. With concern for precise and reliable intelligence, the 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (AIR RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT) (FIELD A) produced and published a Photographic and Infrared Imagery Key, greatly improving the imagery interpretation product and significantly reducing the cost of production. In addition, negatives of the key and samples of tactical imagery were dispatched to CONUS agencies for use in training programs. To further public relations with the Vietnamese people, the battalion has engaged in numerous Civic Action Programs, which included school additions, English language instruction and support of several orphanages. By unselfish actions and desire for mission accomplishment, the unit has materially contributed to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (AIR RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT) (FIELD A) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

7. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,  
1ST SIGNAL BRIGADE and attached unit:

23d Military History Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST SIGNAL BRIGADE and attached 23D MILITARY HISTORY DETACHMENT distinguished themselves in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 April 1966 to 31 July 1967. With astute application of all resources, the unit ably functioned as a command and control headquarters for the rapidly expanding communications effort. Operating with limited resources and under extremely hazardous conditions, the unit constructed key communications facilities and signal sites, which provided worldwide and inter-theater communications. In operating the Army Area Communications System, the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST SIGNAL BRIGADE ensured that vital communications support was available to units of all levels and types. To attain complete control and coordination of the vast communications system that was being established throughout Vietnam, the members established the Army Communications Operations Center. Utilizing their professional knowledge and resourcefulness, the men organized and de-

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veloped the Southeast Asia Signal School, which produced qualified personnel to assume responsibilities in the theater of war. Their outstanding performance, coupled with sound maintenance procedures and an excellent civic action program, has contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST SIGNAL BRIGADE are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 8. THE 1ST SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: THE 1ST SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period October 1965 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, determination and professional competence while providing unexcelled logistical support for the 1st Infantry Division. Since normal supply concepts were not feasible in a counterinsurgency environment, the battalion had to run perilously large convoys on an irregular basis when conditions permitted. This necessitated the diligent maintenance of huge stocks of supplies and equipment at forward areas, as well as four base camp depots. Through dedicated planning and execution, the 1ST SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION successfully conducted almost fifty major supply convoys through hostile territory. The singular ability of the members of the battalion to consistently perform beyond the highest expectations was evidence in the selfless and unremitting support it provided to every element of the widely deployed division. Throughout the cited period, the unit made every sacrifice to meet the needs and promote the welfare of the combat troops. The perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 9. THE 1ST SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services: The 1ST SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 November 1966 to 30 June 1967. Overcoming a loss in continuity resulting from rapid rotation of experienced personnel, the unit labored selflessly to keep the combat soldier well fed, sufficiently clothed, and efficiently equipped. Frequently operating from five to eight forward support locations simultaneously, the Battalion responded readily to numerous emergency demands by working on an around-the-clock basis, in many instances seven days a week. Deviating

from conventional supply concepts because of the unique operational aspects involved in an unconventional warfare environment, the unit was forced to stockpile enormous quantities of supplies and equipment due to sporadic aerial resupply. Base camp storage areas became depot-sized operations, but, by instituting a highly efficient stock control system, the 1ST SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION kept supply reserves at a minimum level while still fulfilling any need that arose. Through diligent planning, aggressive preventive maintenance and expert supervision, the Battalion conducted numerous major convoys through thousands of miles of hostile territory. The men of the Battalion continually demonstrated determination, courage and fortitude in providing the Division with the necessary support to consistently inflict decisive defeats on the insurgents. This exemplary unit deserves the highest praise for its singular efforts in bolstering the logistical aims of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

10. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,  
3D BRIGADE, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION and attached units:

3d Platoon, 1st Military Police Company, 1st Infantry Division  
~~3d Support Platoon, 337th Radio-Research Company, 303d Radio~~  
~~Research Battalion, 509th Radio-Research Group G 0 "IS <L C/~~  
 Tactical Air Control Party, 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron  
 Interrogation Prisoner of War Team 3, 1st Military Intelligence Detachment  
 Counter Intelligence Team 3, 1st Military Intelligence Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3D BRIGADE, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION and its attached units: distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 28 July 1966 to 28 May 1967. Exemplifying massive firepower and excellent fire support, the brigade refined and implemented flexibility in maneuvering attached battalions to engage the insurgents with speed and accuracy. By utilizing available Army and Air Force air power, the unit was able to achieve a series of unparalleled successes. The constant harassment of hostile elements resulted in the capture of several thousand tons of food, numerous enemy weapons and an incredible amount of enemy munitions. With professional skill and unrelenting effort, the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 3D BRIGADE, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION worked diligently on a pacification program consisting of combat support and community rehabilitation which fostered a warm rapport between the local populace and United States personnel. This two-pronged program against the insurgents permitted the local Vietnamese to enjoy a previously unknown

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security. Through their initiative, resourcefulness, flexibility and readiness to resort to the expedient, the unit's members have contributed significantly to the overall counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3D BRIGADE, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 11. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 2D SIGNAL GROUP

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 2D SIGNAL GROUP distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 May 1965 to 30 April 1967. Despite the troop buildup, inherent initial organizational problems, widely dispersed stations and numerous logistical shortages, the detachment provided superior communications support to United States and Vietnamese forces. To compensate for the shortage of essential items, the unit conducted its early missions by modifying existing equipment and consolidating communications requirements. By untiring project study and aggressive action, the detachment established three tropo-scatter systems and six microwave systems, increasing the circuit availability by fifty percent. Concentrating on the unit's increased responsibilities in the III and IV Corps Areas, the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 2D SIGNAL GROUP developed a plan for upgrading and expanding communications facilities. The plan established criteria for the Army Area Communications System, ensured its expeditious implementation and provided for the addition of thirty-eight very high frequency (twelve channel) systems. Demonstrating a high degree of resourcefulness, the men developed an inexpensive device which doubled the capacity of new ultra high frequency systems. The numerous innovations and astute mission execution by the unit's officers and men have contributed immeasurably to the status of signal operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 2D SIGNAL GROUP are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 12. THE 2D SURGICAL HOSPITAL (MOBILE ARMY)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 2D SURGICAL HOSPITAL (MOBILE ARMY) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from January 1966 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary compassion, professionalism and devotion to duty in providing superb emergency medical support for combat casualties. Despite the oppressive environmental and hostile condi-

tions, the hospital was markably effective in accomplishing its vital mission of conserving allied fighting strength. Through bold determination and self-sacrifice, the personnel of the 2D SURGICAL HOSPITAL (MOBILE ARMY) returned sixty-eight percent of all patients admitted and sixty percent of all battle casualties directly back to duty with their units. The exemplary initiative and spirit of every section within the hospital was evidence in an aggressive self-help program which greatly enhanced patient care and comfort, unit morale and the physical appearance of the hospital area. In addition, the hospital personnel rendered outstanding care to Vietnamese patients, thereby greatly bolstering important American-Vietnamese relations. Throughout the cited period, this unit consistently performed the most urgent surgical tasks in a manner which has contributed materially to the overall success of the medical mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular perseverance and consummate skill displayed by the members of the 2D SURGICAL HOSPITAL (MOBILE ARMY) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

13. THE 3D RADIO RESEARCH UNIT assigned and attached units:

Detachment 1, 3d Radio Research Unit  
 Detachment 2, 3d Radio Research Unit  
 Detachment 3, 3d Radio Research Unit  
 Detachment 4, 3d Radio Research Unit  
 7th Radio Research Unit  
 10th Radio Research Unit  
 11th Radio Research Unit  
 16th Radio Research Unit

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 3D RADIO RESEARCH UNIT and assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period January 1965 to May 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and technical skill in providing invaluable intelligence data and assistance to the various branches of the American forces committed to the counterinsurgency effort. Despite the most adverse conditions and hostile environment, the unit successfully accomplished every assigned task in an exemplary manner. Through singular determination and fortitude, the 3D RADIO RESEARCH UNIT expeditiously mastered unique operating techniques, heretofore alien to conventional military operations. Although understrength, the unit judiciously employed its limited resources in an unrelenting effort to enhance the overall tactical advantage of the Free World Military Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. The exceptional zeal, perseverance and professional competence displayed by the members of the 3D RADIO RESEARCH UNIT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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### 14. THE 8TH BATTALION, 6TH ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 8TH BATTALION, 6TH ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1966 to 31 December 1966. Although not designed for direct support operations, this unit provided excellent artillery support for the 1st Infantry Division. Its highly responsive and accurate fires were a major factor in the tactical successes during Operations EL PASO and ATTLEBORO. The precise and devastating fires of the Battalion were instrumental in killing seven hundred Viet Cong in Operation EL PASO. The members of the 8TH BATTALION, 6TH ARTILLERY provided highly effective artillery fire to Division forces engaged in Operation ATTLEBORO. During the operation, they fired more than thirty-five thousand rounds of medium and heavy artillery ammunition. In the Battle of Ap Cha Do, the men expertly fired over eight thousand rounds, a prime factor in the Division's decisive victory. By their unflagging determination and intense loyalty, they have contributed immeasurably to the mission of the 1st Infantry Division and the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 8TH BATTALION, 6TH ARTILLERY are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 15. THE 6TH CONVALESCENT CENTER

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 6TH CONVALESCENT CENTER distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 15 May 1966 to 30 June 1967. Working with meager facilities and under extremely adverse conditions, this unit reached full operational capability within a month of its arrival in Vietnam. The outstanding dedication and remarkable perseverance of all members of this unit insured that the most professional standards of care and treatment were provided to the United States and other free world forces. Taking the responsibility of a work load increasing to a far greater scope than that expected of a unit of this type, the 6TH CONVALESCENT CENTER untiringly expanded its facilities and upgraded its treatment to meet the most exacting standards possible. Reaching far beyond its primary mission of convalescent care and reconditioning of patients for return to normal duty, this unit took on the added task of treating many cases from their initial stages, a job far above that normally assigned to units with the staff and facilities of the center. In addition to the care of an ever-increasing patient load, the staff conducted invaluable studies on malarial diseases and hepatitis which produced results not previously attained and had far-reaching impact on the prevention and treatment of these diseases by the armed services. This exemplary unit has gained the highest acclaim for its singular efforts in bolstering the medical aims of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable profi-

ciency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 6TH CONVALESCENT CENTER were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

16. THE 6TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS BATTALION and assigned units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6th Psychological Operations Battalion  
 26th Psychological Operations Company  
 244th Psychological Operations Company  
 245th Psychological Operations Company  
 246th Psychological Operations Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 6TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS BATTALION, and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1966 to April 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, initiative and consummate skill in providing psychological operations support to allied forces throughout the combat zone. Immediately upon arrival in-country, the battalion established an effective psychological operations program, integrating it into the Government of Vietnam Chien Hoi effort. The unit personnel mass-produced graphic and printed material and devised highly effective recorded messages for both ground and aerial delivery. Working in coordination with the United States Air Force, teams of the 6TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS BATTALION selflessly flew hazardous dissemination missions over hostile territory and enemy units to deliver various psychological media. The imaginative inception of a "quick reaction" capability and the employment of saturation leaflet drops have significantly deflated enemy morale, while broadening the civilian support and loyalty to their government. Manifesting rare tenacity and professionalism, battalion personnel invariably strove to render the finest support possible, thereby furthering the attainment of Free World counterinsurgency objectives in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular zeal, pride and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 6TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

17. THE 6TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION and attached units:

86th Transportation Company (Light Truck)  
 120th Transportation Company (Light Truck)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 6TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRUCK), and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from August 1966 to March

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1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary **perseverance**, tenacity and consummate skill in rendering unexcelled logistical and combat service support for American units in the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones. Despite numerous hostile and environmental adversities, the Battalion diligently conducted the only major sustained convoy operations in areas which had long been under Viet Cong influence. As the troop buildup increased, unit personnel selflessly moved every major combat unit arriving in the III Corps area from point of entry to their base camps, to include an armored cavalry regiment, two infantry brigades and an entire infantry division. In addition, the 6TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRUCK) supported numerous tactical operations by hauling vital supplies and ammunition to forward units actively engaged with the enemy. Through rare professionalism and resourcefulness, the Battalion members also provided port and beach clearance operations in the Saigon-Long Binh vicinity and supervised three commercial design truck contracts with civilian firms. Although their vehicles were in constant use, the men maintained a remarkably low deadline rate and a safety record exceeding all expectations. Manifesting admirable initiative and determination, they have made a significant contribution to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 6TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRUCK) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 18. THE 1ST BATTALION, 7TH ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST BATTALION, 7TH ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1966 to February 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, fortitude and tenacity in providing superb artillery fire support to the 1st Infantry Division. Devoting the same measure of exacting skill and resolute determination to every mission, the Battalion actively contributed to the success of sixteen major combat operations. Although often subjected to hostile small arms and mortar attack, the unit personnel never faltered from their vital task of supplying timely and accurate fire support to the engaged division units. The 1ST BATTALION, 7TH ARTILLERY consistently manifested singular initiative and stamina in its ability to expeditiously and efficaciously adapt to the ever-changing tactical situation. The unit personnel judiciously devised highly imaginative techniques of deployment, from using mountain peaks for fire bases to increasing battery mobility by mounting howitzers on landing craft. Through bold execution, dauntless perseverance and peerless gunnery skill, the unit has significantly enhanced the effectiveness of the 1st Infantry Division's counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The courage, zeal and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST BATTALION, 7TH ARTILLERY were in keeping with the highest



traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

19. THE 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period October 1965 to August 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and determination while providing superb combat engineering support to the maneuver elements of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Immediately upon arrival in the combat zone, the Battalion began performing the traditional engineer missions with singular proficiency and aggressive initiative. Despite the adverse weather and severe terrain, the personnel of this unit selflessly devoted themselves to such vital missions as landing zone clearing, bunker destruction, mine sweeping and cantonment area construction. Even under constant hostile harassment, the 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) never relented from the expeditious and efficient opening of countless kilometers of roads and the building of seven airfields and the extension of four others. One of these airfields was the first ever built in enemy territory by moving all construction equipment, personnel and supplies into the work site by helicopter. In addition to its combat support, the unit also constructed the Division barrier, supervised and directed the base development program and participated in numerous civic action programs designed to improve the living conditions and alleviate the suffering among the local Vietnamese people. The exemplary accomplishments of this Battalion, in the face of prodigious obstacles, have greatly enhanced the prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort and are worthy of emulation. The professional competence and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

20. THE 8TH RADIO RESEARCH UNIT and attached units:

1st Detachment, Army Postal Unit  
 Detachment 1A, 178th Signal Company  
 52d Medical Detachment  
 134th Medical Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 8TH RADIO RESEARCH UNIT and attached units, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period November 1964 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, perseverance and technical skill in providing vital and timely intelligence

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support to the American military forces committed throughout the combat zone. Despite the severe environment and hostile activities alien to conventional military operations, the unit always accomplished its critical and complex missions in an exemplary manner. Demonstrating an aggressive team spirit and singular tenacity of purpose, the personnel of the 8TH RADIO RESEARCH UNIT consistently provided comprehensive support which proved invaluable to the success of numerous tactical operations. Through diligent planning and meticulous execution, the unit has made an immeasurable contribution to the overall counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The professional competence, resolute determination and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 8TH RADIO RESEARCH UNIT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 21. THE 9TH FINANCE DETACHMENT

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: THE 9TH FINANCE DETACHMENT distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period February 1966 to August 1966. Demonstrating exceptional professional competence, zeal and tenacity of purpose, the members of the Detachment provided comprehensive finance services to all of the Army personnel at Cam Ranh Bay and to the non-tactical personnel at Phan Rang. Despite tremendous workload pressures, the unit maintained prompt and courteous service, with a Quality Assurance Error Rate far below Army and command averages. In addition, the Detachment handled monetary conversion facilities for all garrison, transient and tactical personnel in the Cam Ranh Bay area. The accurate and timely service rendered by the Detachment personnel greatly enhanced the troop morale so vital to an effective counterinsurgency effort. The perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 9TH FINANCE DETACHMENT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 22. THE 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY and assigned units:

528th Medical Laboratory  
946th Medical Laboratory

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 4 June 1966 to 1 April 1967. The men of these units demonstrated professional competence, scientific acumen, and uncommon dedication while providing unmatched medical support for the counterinsurgency efforts of the free world forces. Despite adverse conditions during the units' formative period, the men were able to provide medical laboratory services previously unavailable in the Republic of Vietnam. Their intense program of on-

the-job training resulted in better clinical management, a significant reduction in the number of man days lost and substantial savings in hospital bed space. The men of the 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY have provided diagnostic information of significance to military physicians in the detection of contagious and environmentally induced diseases. Through their tireless efforts, they have produced outstanding achievements in research and analysis which have materially contributed to the counterinsurgency efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY and assigned units were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

23. THE 10TH AVIATION BATTALION assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Aviation Battalion  
 22d Quartermaster Detachment *amended GO 5 '69*  
 48th Aviation Company  
 117th Aviation Company  
 129th Aviation Company  
 130th Medical Detachment  
 140th Transportation Detachment  
 145th Airlift Platoon  
 256th Signal Detachment  
 279th Signal Detachment  
 286th Medical Detachment  
 296th Signal Detachment  
 390th Transportation Detachment  
 394th Transportation Detachment  
 433d Medical Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 10TH AVIATION BATTALION, assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from December 1965 to September 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, technical competence and dedication in providing unexcelled aviation combat support for free world military forces. On arrival in country, the Battalion became operational almost immediately and never ceased providing responsive tactical air support, while developing its base camp out of a dense tropical swamp at Dong Ban Thin. This unit was the only aviation battalion in country having a completely mobile field headquarters and forward operating base. It was highly unique in its capability to displace to anywhere in the combat zone with three assault helicopter companies and one assault support helicopter company to undertake combat operations within twenty-four hours of an alert order. With its mastery of night and clandestine operations, the 10TH AVIATION BATTALION has added bold new

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dimensions to tactical airmobility. During the first eight months of 1966, the men of this unit attained the highest monthly level of aircraft availability ever achieved in Vietnam. The accomplishments of the Battalion in tactical operations and combat support activities represent the outstanding example of a unit adapting its organization and functions to meet the challenge of counterinsurgency warfare. The remarkable proficiency, superior performance and devotion to duty displayed by the men of the 10TH AVIATION BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

24. THE 10TH AVIATION BATTALION assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 10th Aviation Battalion
- 48th Aviation Company
- 117th Aviation Company
- 129th Aviation Company
- 130th Medical Detachment
- 140th Transportation Detachment
- 256th Signal Detachment
- 279th Signal Detachment
- 281st Aviation Company
- 286th Medical Detachment
- 296th Signal Detachment
- 339th Aviation Detachment
- 390th Transportation Detachment
- 394th Transportation Detachment
- 433d Medical Detachment
- 483d Transportation Detachment
- 499th Signal Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 10TH AVIATION BATTALION and its assigned and attached units: distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 5 September 1966 to 31 March 1967. Deploying field headquarters and aviation companies further, faster and more frequently than any other combat aviation battalion, they provided mobility to key operations in both the II and III Corps Tactical Zones. With exemplary flexibility, the members displaced their field headquarters twelve times, a total distance in excess of nine hundred and fifty miles during the period. They have coordinated, planned and accomplished missions which involved the extraction and reinsertion of a battalion-sized unit with supporting artillery in the amazingly brief period of four hours. Displaying unrelenting determination and professional skill, the 10TH AVIATION BATTALION executed the first battalion-sized night operation without benefit of illumination. In addition, the unit's achievements in the development, management and physical security of Dong Ba Thin Post have been attained without detracting from its tactical functions.

Through their superior skills and dedication, they have contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 10TH AVIATION BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

25. THE 10TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) and assigned units: *Amended* GO I '69

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 10th Transportation Battalion

10th Transportation Company

63d Transportation Company

97th Transportation Company

116th Transportation Company

123d Transportation Company

155th Transportation Company

159th Transportation Detachment

169th Transportation Detachment

266th Transportation Detachment

271st Transportation Detachment

276th Transportation Detachment

347th Transportation Company

410th Transportation Company

515th Transportation Company

551st Transportation Company

564th Transportation Platoon

565th Transportation Company

870th Transportation Company

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For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 10TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1965 to March 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, dedication and perseverance in providing off-loading and cargo transfer support for allied forces throughout the combat zone. Operating from expansive ports of Cam Ranh Bay, Phan Rang and Nha Trang, the Battalion adeptly handled over one million, seven hundred thousand short tons of cargo while simultaneously constructing facilities, even though short of manpower and equipment. The Battalion off-loaded one brigade of the 25th Infantry Division and the Republic of Korea Marine Brigade in record time and was instrumental in expeditiously transporting them to their destinations. Often work around the clock, the 10TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) initiated the "Roll-On/Roll-Off" system in the Pacific Theater by flawlessly discharging and backloading stern ramp vessels when they were introduced to Vietnam in 1966. This system has enabled combat units to get priority supplies in minimum time, contributing greatly to their

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missions. Through dynamic initiative and stamina, the unit members selflessly devoted their consummate efforts to provide the highest rate of equipment transfer possible. Performing every mission in a most exemplary manner, the Battalion has immeasurably enhanced the vital supply effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency, dedication and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 10TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 26. THE 11TH AVIATION GROUP and assigned units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group  
11th General Support Company  
227th Aviation Battalion  
228th Aviation Battalion  
229th Aviation Battalion

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 11TH AVIATION GROUP and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1965 to November 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, perseverance and consummate skill in providing combat aviation support to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and various Vietnamese forces. Although ordered to prepare and deploy to the combat zone on extremely short notice, the group assumed its operational role and began developing the world's largest and busiest heliport soon after arrival in-country. Throughout the cited period, the unit personnel participated in fourteen major combat operations, often braving the most severe enemy fire to accomplish their mission. Despite the strain of operating under an unconventional hostile environment, over mountainous terrain and through adverse weather, the 11TH AVIATION GROUP performed every mission, from combat assault, resupply and evacuation to close fire support, with undaunted courage and selfless determination. Judiciously allocating their limited aircraft resources over a vast operational area, the unit members airlifted over 729,000 passengers and 98,500 tons of cargo, while flying 494,263 sorties in direct combat and support missions. Through meticulous planning and peerless execution, the group indisputably proved the value of airmobile tactics to the success of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular tenacity, ingenuity and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 11TH AVIATION GROUP were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 27. THE 11TH PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 11TH PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT (PRESS) distinguished itself in support of military operations

in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 September 1966 to 10 September 1967. As the only unit of its type in the Army, the Detachment provided excellent press coverage for United States and free world forces. Ensuring that correspondents received required support, the unit supplied billeting, messing facilities and transportation. With professional knowledge of the needs inherent in providing accurate and interesting press features, the members of the 11TH PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT (PRESS) assisted visitors by furnishing escorts and establishing reliable contacts. In addition to correspondent service, they aided the Information Officer, I Field Force Vietnam and other information officers in their coverage of newsworthy military events. Demonstrating singular flexibility, they developed operational policies and procedures without the benefit of established precedents or experience factors. Their outstanding service to reporters has brought the effort in Vietnam home to the civilian population in the United States and countries throughout the world. In making the events of the conflict public, the staff has engendered the vitally needed support of United States civilians, greatly lifting the morale of the American fighting man. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 11TH PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT (PRESS) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

28. THE 11TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL)  
and assigned units:

- 62d Transportation Company (MT)
- 117th Transportation Company (TS)
- 120th Transportation Company (LT)
- 124th Transportation Company (TS)
- 159th Transportation Detachment (ADS)
- 163d Transportation Company (LT)
- 164th Transportation Detachment (MC)
- 259th Transportation Detachment (FCM)
- 262d Transportation Detachment (FC)
- 264th Transportation Detachment
- 265th Transportation Detachment
- 275th Transportation Detachment
- 347th Transportation Company (ARC) (-)
- 472d Transportation Det:
- 473d Transportation Detachment
- 481st Transportation Detachment
- 556th Transportation Company (MT)
- 564th Transportation Detachment (MC)
- 586th Transportation Detachment (MHEM)
- 588th Transportation Detachment (MHE)
- 592d Transportation Detachment (MHE)
- 670th Transportation Company (MT)
- 783d Transportation Detachment
- 1099th Transportation Company (MB)

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For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 11TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) and assigned units distinguished themselves by outstanding support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period August 1965 to May 1966. The members of this battalion demonstrated commendable perseverance and professional prowess in the off-loading and transferring of cargo in the Port of Saigon and its sub-ports. The unit expeditiously and efficiently handled approximately one and one half million short tons of cargo in port clearance operations. Through sound execution and arduous planning, the 11TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) effected the rapid off-loading, and transportation to their assembly areas, of two brigades of the 1st Infantry Division and two brigades of the 25th Infantry Division in the minimum possible time. Assiduously employing every available resource, the unit increased its tonnage handling by forty percent, and immeasurably enhanced the overall counterinsurgency effort. The tenacity of purpose and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the personnel of the 11TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 29. THE 12TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 12TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SMBL) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 19 September 1966 to 1 July 1967. Despite extreme shortages of supplies, lack of construction assistance, adverse weather conditions and continued enemy harassment, the unit provided unmatched medical support for the 25th Infantry Division. Assisted by an engineer unit, they initiated a continuing program of self-help construction, building living quarters, a one hundred and fifty-bed treatment center and protective bunkers. The members of the 12TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SMBL) supported five major tactical operations, treating casualties with maximum speed and efficiency. In addition to many other tasks, they assumed the responsibility for handling in-patient treatment and a major portion of the medical civic action program for the division, which included the maintenance of a Vietnamese ward, organization and operation of a dispensary in Cu Chi and a preventive dentistry program. The high degree of unselfish dedication demonstrated by the unit's members has greatly contributed to the welfare of American, Vietnamese and other free world forces personnel and to the counterinsurgency efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 12TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SMBL) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 30. THE 2D BATTALION, 13TH ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 2D BATTALION, 13TH ARTILLERY distin-



gushed itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from October 1965 to November 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary dedication, tenacity and consummate skill in providing superb fire support to allied forces throughout the Vietnamese III Corps Tactical Zone. Operating under the most adverse hostile and environmental conditions, the Battalion invariably delivered timely and accurate artillery support to engaged ground units. The Battalion personnel manifested rare initiative and aggressive determination in their bold employment of imaginative gunnery techniques. Throughout the cited period, the 2D BATTALION, 13TH ARTILLERY played a primary role in the success attained against determined enemy forces in fourteen major combat operations. Conducting a system of comprehensive aerial reconnaissance, the unit also supplied vital intelligence information on insurgent targets for subsequent exploitation and destruction-. The exemplary performance of this battalion, whether in direct combat support or civic action efforts, has brought wide acclaim and has materially enhanced the effective prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular professionalism, fortitude and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 2D BATTALION, 13TH ARTILLERY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 31. THE 13TH FINANCE SECTION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 13TH FINANCE SECTION (DISBURSING) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period July 1965 to October 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and professional skill in providing comprehensive finance service not only to all non-divisional troops, but to combat elements upon their arrival in-country, Naval personnel, Air Force personnel and Department of Defense civilians. Despite the mounting workload, adverse environment, power failures and shortages of supplies and sophisticated equipment, the unit accomplished its mission with singular perseverance and bold determination. In addition to its vast military payment responsibilities, the 13TH FINANCE SECTION (DISBURSING) innovated procedures which were adopted command wide for the expeditious payroll disbursing for Vietnamese civilian employees. Often called upon to satisfy unexpected and urgent financial tasks, the personnel of this unit selflessly worked long, arduous hours to meet every demand with the greatest dispatch and efficiency. Through imaginative and meticulous utilization of available personnel and equipment resources, this unit has significantly facilitated the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The unique fidelity and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 13TH FINANCE SECTION (DISBURSING) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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### 32. THE 13TH SIGNAL BATTALION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 13TH SIGNAL BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1965 to March 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, perseverance and tenacity in providing superb communications support to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Operating under the most adverse conditions of climate and terrain and lacking in necessary manpower, the Battalion selflessly supplied outstanding communications for units of the division as far as two hundred miles from the base camp. The unit personnel accepted their prodigious workload with a sense of determination and dedication, readily overcoming problems of limited equipment and manpower and the wide range of missions inherent in airmobile operations. Often working around the clock, the 13TH SIGNAL BATTALION developed a unique communications complex for voice relays which grew to include an air traffic control facility, artillery forward observer post and high frequency equipment used to reach higher headquarters. Through unparalleled initiative and versatility, the unit members diligently worked to maintain the best communications system possible for the division's widely deployed combat forces. Performing every mission in a most exemplary manner, the Battalion has made an immeasurable contribution to the signal effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable skill, efficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 13TH SIGNAL BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

33. THE 14TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) (GENERAL SUPPORT) and assigned units:

339th Transportation Company  
540th Transportation Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 14TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) (GENERAL SUPPORT) and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1965 to November 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, proficiency and dedication in providing superb aircraft maintenance and supply support to combat aviation units throughout the vast Vietnamese I and II Corps areas. Operating under the most adverse climate and environmental conditions, and often exposed to hostile fire, the Battalion adeptly serviced and supplied an average of 1162 aircraft engaged in combat and support roles across the northern half of the combat zone. The unit personnel readily accepted their prodigious workload with a sense of urgency and determination, despite limited resources, erratic communications and wide geographical separa-

ration of subordinate units. Often working around the clock, the Battalion personnel ensured that critical parts for damaged aircraft were promptly made available and that vital maintenance was performed. Through singular initiative and versatility, the unit members selflessly devoted their consummate efforts to maintain the highest aircraft availability rate possible. Performing every mission in a most exemplary manner, the Battalion has made an immeasurable contribution to the vital aviation mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency, stamina and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 14TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) (GENERAL SUPPORT) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 34. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 26 September 1966 to 25 September 1967. Within three weeks after arriving in Vietnam, the unit assumed command and control of all nontactical military police organizations, overcoming the problems inherent in being the first military police brigade deployed in a combat zone. Changing and expanding the traditional role of the military police from one of maintaining discipline, law and order to a concept of direct combat support, it evacuated and controlled prisoners of war; physically secured property, personnel, installations, ports and vessels; controlled refugee replacement; and provided close combat support to tactical companies. In addition, the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE supplied personnel, administrative and logistical support to all subordinate brigade units. The joint patrols conducted with the Vietnamese military police did much to foster friendly relations between the local populace and United States personnel. During in-country visits by the Secretary of Defense, the Army Chief of Staff and other notable dignitaries, the unit provided incomparable security, eliminating any possibility of potential incidents. The unit's commendable dedication to excellence bolstered military police objectives of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 35. THE 20TH FINANCE DETACHMENT

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 20TH FINANCE DETACHMENT distin-

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guished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period February 1966 to August 1966. Demonstrating exceptional professional competence, zeal and tenacity of purpose, the members of the Detachment provided comprehensive finance services to all of the Army personnel at Cam Ranh Bay and to the non-tactical personnel at Phan Rang. Despite tremendous workload pressures, the unit maintained prompt and courteous service, with a Quality Assurance Error Rate far below Army and command averages. In addition, the Detachment handled monetary conversion facilities for all garrison, transient and tactical personnel in the Cam Ranh Bay area. The accurate and timely service rendered by the Detachment personnel greatly enhanced the troop morale so vital to an effective counterinsurgency effort. The perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 20TH FINANCE DETACHMENT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

36. THE 22D REPLACEMENT BATTALION and assigned units:  
507th Replacement Company  
510th Replacement Company  
526th Replacement Company  
544th Replacement Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 22D REPLACEMENT BATTALION and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from June 1966 to June 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary stamina, diligence and consummate skill in rendering superb replacement, returnee and rest and recuperation processing for United States Army personnel in the I and II Corps Tactical Zones. Activated at Fort Lewis, Washington, the Battalion initially faced the monumental task of organizing, equipping and training for oversea movement to the combat zone. Within three months, the unit personnel had successfully deployed to Cam Ranh Bay and began establishing the necessary facilities to ensure rapid and efficient movement of thousands of troops. Expending long, strenuous hours of labor under extremely adverse conditions, the members of the 22D REPLACEMENT BATTALION diligently constructed billeting for six thousand transient personnel per day, plus mess halls, clubs, a dispensary, post exchange and comfortable processing buildings. Advance planning was so complete and its implementation so efficient that the first replacements arriving in January 1967 were routinely processed within forty-eight hours. Since that time, the Battalion has improved every service to all transients, efficiently ensuring the smooth turnover of personnel so vital to sustained tactical and support operations. Through selfless determination and inspiring example, the men of this unit have contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the allied counterinsurgency effort. The singular initiative and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 22D REPLACE-

MENT BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

37. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY,  
23D ARTILLERY GROUP

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 23D ARTILLERY GROUP distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1965 to December 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, fortitude and consummate skill in providing superb command and control of artillery fire support for free world military forces in the III Corps Tactical Zone. Initiating a highly imaginative program of harassment, interdiction and neutralization fires, the Battery fully exploited all sources of intelligence information and target acquisition to inflict maximum losses on the enemy. The singular cooperation this unit established with Vietnamese forces greatly facilitated a responsiveness and understanding that resulted in the immediate engagement of rapidly developing targets while safeguarding friendly elements. In addition, the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 23D ARTILLERY GROUP was responsible for the staging and expeditious deployment of three artillery battalions and another comparable artillery group. Selflessly giving of their time and resources, the unit personnel actively supported civic action and medical assistance programs, including the construction of a permanent village for refugee families. The exemplary performance of this battery, under the most adverse circumstances, has been characterized by bold determination, composure and profound skill, earning wide acclaim and materially enhancing the successful prosecution of the allied counterinsurgency effort. The unexcelled professionalism and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 23D ARTILLERY GROUP were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

38. THE 24TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) and assigned units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 24th Transportation Battalion  
 97th Transportation Company  
 123d Transportation Company  
 159th Transportation Detachment  
 253d Transportation Detachment  
 261st Transportation Detachment  
 263d Transportation Detachment  
 266th Transportation Detachment  
 271st Transportation Detachment  
 276th Transportation Detachment

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344th Transportation Company  
347th Transportation Company  
355th Transportation Detachment  
358th Transportation Detachment  
469th Transportation Detachment  
486th Transportation Detachment  
492d Transportation Detachment  
587th Transportation Detachment  
1097th Transportation Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services: The 24TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) and its assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 July 1966 to 28 February 1967. Relying on their vast resources of experienced and dedicated personnel, the units provided superb transportation support to United States and free world forces. Despite being responsible for more units than it was designed to control, the Battalion accomplished its mission in a responsive and efficient manner. Exercising a span of control almost twice its Table of Organization and Equipment-rated capability, the unit demonstrated its ability to effectively plan, organize and execute exceedingly complex operations. Through fortitude, perseverance and raw courage, the 24TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) was able to overcome major obstacles, including severe tidal conditions, torrential monsoon wind and rain storms, frequent changes in beach gradients, enemy presence in the area and the lack of permanent Gischarge facilities. During several important combat operations, the unit provided direct transportation and supply support to the 101st Airborne Division in the face of hostile enemy fire. When called upon to debark and transship arriving elements of the Korean 9th Infantry (White Horse) Division, the unit worked on an around-the-clock basis to successfully and expeditiously complete the operation. This unit exemplified the spirit of the free world forces by its singular efforts in bolstering the logistical aims of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 24TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

39. THE SUPPORT COMMAND, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, and assigned units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 25th Infantry Division Support Command  
25th Administration Company  
25th Supply and Transport Battalion  
25th Medical Battalion  
725th Maintenance Battalion

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: THE SUPPORT COMMAND, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period January 1966 to December 1966. During this time, the members of this Command demonstrated an extremely high degree of initiative and professionalism while providing combat-material support for the 25th Infantry Division. Their relentless efforts ensured that the combat effectiveness of the division was always at maximum, despite the constantly varying demands and field circumstances. A major task confronting SUPPORT COMMAND, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION was the development of a sound base at Cu Chi, while concurrently providing the logistical and administrative support required for the mobile, flexible, and versatile units fighting an elusive enemy. By utilizing forward support elements tailored to meet the needs of the field units, and by constant awareness of supply requirements, this logistical base was greatly expanded in order to support forces located at Tay Ninh, Dau Tieng, Ben Luc and other widely divergent areas in Vietnam. The SUPPORT COMMAND, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION'S tasks were accomplished by alert, well-trained and experienced personnel who showed obvious pride in the quality of their work and capability as a unit. The exceptional zeal and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the SUPPORT COMMAND, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 40. THE 25TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 25TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from January 1966 to March 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and consummate skill in providing complete and reliable intelligence information on enemy forces for the 25th Infantry Division. Despite the adversities of severe terrain, weather and hostile environment, the Detachment invariably excelled in collecting, evaluating and disseminating all types of intelligence information to every level of command within the division. In addition, the unit personnel astutely conducted counterintelligence operations of an active and passive nature, thereby enhancing the division's security against Viet Cong attack. Throughout the cited period, the 25TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT manifested singular proficiency in extracting information of immediate intelligence value from prisoners, aerial observation and numerous clandestine sources. The unit members evinced a spirit of aggressiveness and resolute determination, as they often accompanied maneuver elements on combat missions to ensure timely and responsive intelligence support. Through its remarkable acuity in all phases of intelligence operations, including radar image interpretation, order-

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of-battle planning and target analysis, the unit has contributed immeasurably to the ability of the 25th Infantry Division to carry out its vital counterinsurgency mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The exceptional professionalism and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 25TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 41. THE 25TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 25TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1966 to April 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, fortitude and professionalism in providing superb police support to the 25th Infantry Division. Throughout the cited period, the Company diligently performed the vital tasks of traffic control, handling of prisoners and enforcement of rules, laws and regulations for the entire Division. In addition, unit personnel selflessly provided security and defense for vital positions, installations and command posts. Despite numerous environmental and hostile adversities, the 25TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY ensured the uninterrupted forward movement of men and supplies, prompt control of traffic and individuals, and effective processing and evacuation of prisoners and detainees. The exemplary accomplishment of each task undertaken by the Company was characterized by efficient planning, meticulous attention to detail and the rare ability of aggressively and vigorously perform complex police missions under changing conditions. The remarkable service rendered by this unit has contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the 25th Infantry Division's mission in attaining the free world objectives in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 25TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 42. THE 6TH BATTALION 27TH ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from January to October 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and technical skill in rendering close fire support for allied ground forces. In its vital offensive role, the Battalion adeptly employed its 8-inch howitzers and 175mm guns to provide precise and timely artillery fire which consistently inflicted costly damage on enemy personnel and material. Also performing daring aerial reconnaissance and forward observation, the unit members gathered vital tactical information on insurgent activities



which was later exploited in coordinated artillery and ground attacks. Despite the adverse environmental and hostile conditions, the 6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY actively contributed in a large measure to the success of sixteen major counterinsurgency operations. In addition, the Battalion astutely supported widely dispersed Special Forces detachments and provided the first Army artillery battery for deployment with the United States Marines near the Demilitarized Zone. Recognizing the great importance of aggressive civic action, the unit also conducted an excellent medical assistance program and adopted a local grade school, as further steps toward enhancing the allied cause in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular fortitude, perseverance and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 43. THE 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period October 1966 to April 1967. The men of this unit demonstrated professional competence, fortitude and uncommon dedication while providing unmatched construction and combat engineer support for military forces throughout the entire II Field Force Vietnam area of operations. They vigorously carried out an extensive program of base development, heavy construction, maintenance of communications lines, and operational support to two infantry divisions, an armored cavalry regiment, and the Royal Australian Task Force. In the performance of their dual mission, the men of the 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) consistently planned and executed their missions with meticulous attention to detail, responsiveness to the ever changing tactical situation, and a spirit of unstinting service to the fighting men they were supporting. Repeatedly penetrating long held Viet Cong territory, they opened highways, procured natural construction materials, built base camps, and produced numerous bridge and airstrip facilities in the III Corps Tactical Zone. Adverse weather conditions, scarcity of materials or enemy attack never threatened their desire to accomplish their mission and to contribute significantly to the allied counterinsurgency effort. The remarkable ingenuity, selfless service and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 44. THE 2D BATTALION 32D ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 2D BATTALION, 32D ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic

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of Vietnam from November 1965 to November 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, fortitude and diligence in providing superb fire support to allied forces throughout the Vietnamese III Corps Tactical Zone. During the cited period, the Battalion was actively engaged in every major counterinsurgency operation conducted in its tactical area of responsibility. Braving extreme environmental hazards and hostile conditions, the unit invariably exceeded all expectations for rendering timely and accurate artillery support to engaged ground forces. On many occasions, the remarkable supporting fires supplied by the 2D BATTALION, 32D ARTILLERY proved to be the deciding factor in allied victories over determined insurgent forces. In every area where unit batteries were deployed, the Battalion personnel gave selflessly of their time and materials to civic action and medical assistance programs for the local population. The exemplary performance of this unit under the most adverse circumstances, has been characterized by bold initiative, composure and profound gunnery skill, earning wide acclaim and materially aiding the success of the allied cause. The singular professionalism, courage and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 2D BATTALION, 32D ARTILLERY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 45. THE 2D BATTALION 33D ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 2D BATTALION, 33D ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period August 1966 to January 1967. The men of this unit displayed unusual skill, determination and dedication while providing unmatched direct artillery support for combat operations in the Lai Khe area. They repeatedly demonstrated an ability to react quickly and effectively in responding to combat emergencies despite the tremendous demand placed upon the tactical, logistical and coordination elements of their organization. The invariably reliable artillery fire delivered by the men of the 2D BATTALION, 33D ARTILLERY was highly significant in producing the victories achieved in OPERATIONS DANBURY, ATTLEBORO and CEDAR FALLS. Although they were required to perform numerous moves by helicopter, their relocations were executed in a rapid, efficient and professional manner, often with as little as one hour's notice. They always placed concern for the men they were supporting over the danger to themselves from snipers, ground attack, and enemy artillery fire. By their successful handling of the many difficult challenges presented to them, they contributed significantly to the counterinsurgency effort of free world military forces. The remarkable perseverance, selfless service and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 2D BATTALION, 33D ARTILLERY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

46. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,  
35TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 35TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period June 1965 to May 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, diligence and tenacity in providing superb administrative and logistical support to both engineer and non-engineer units at Cam Ranh Bay. In addition, the unit had to assume the prodigious task of controlling all non-divisional engineer efforts throughout Vietnam for the first three months after arriving in-country. During this initial period, an excessive workload of design, administration, construction and logistical support was assiduously sustained by the group headquarters. Through selfless determination and aggressive drive, the members of this company successfully accomplished every assigned mission in an exemplary manner. As a result of their singular efforts, the headquarters personnel established the basic planning framework for the entire first year engineer troop construction effort in the Republic of Vietnam. Under the judicious direction of the unit, numerous major construction projects of vital importance to the counterinsurgency effort were efficiently and expeditiously completed. Despite the unrelenting construction burden, the company selflessly sacrificed untold time and materials in civic action programs of profound benefit to the local Vietnamese people. The professional skill and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 35TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

47. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,  
35TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 35TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1966 to 31 August 1967. Responsible for all non-divisional troop construction in the Vietnamese II Corps Area, this unit competently supervised and controlled the activities of up to four engineer battalions and five separate companies dispersed over an area exceeding fourteen thousand square miles. The Company's construction effort was concentrated on the initial development of the mammoth logistics area, depot and port facilities at Cam Ranh Bay and, concurrently, the expeditionary airfield and a 4500 man cantonment area at Phan Rang. Although faced with a continually fluctuating manpower situation, the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 35TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION)

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maintained an uninterrupted construction schedule. Its most significant single accomplishment was the design and construction of facilities at Hon Tre Island. Despite negative factors of weather, jungle and terrain, the unit completed the project punctually, without detracting from projects of lesser priority. Demonstrating singular initiative and ingenuity, the unit accomplished vital missions with a dispatch and professional quality seldom found in an area of combat operations. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 35TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military services and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

48. THE 36TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL and attached units:  
345th Medical Detachment (MA)  
872d Medical Detachment (RB)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 36TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 March 1966 to 1 April 1967. The members of these units demonstrated professional competence, technical skill and remarkable insight while providing superb medical support to the United States and free world forces. Displaying exemplary ingenuity and initiative, they converted scattered quonset huts into surgical suites, laboratories, X-ray facilities and wards. By their personal financial contribution, the members of the 36TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL and attached units purchased an internal cardiac pacemaker, the first of its kind in Vietnam. The employment of this device in treating a Vietnamese civilian and the efficient and expeditious stemming of a bubonic plague epidemic have greatly strengthened cooperation between United States and Vietnamese personnel. By selfless application of superior skill, they have returned to duty two-thirds of the five thousand patients treated, greatly increasing the availability of vital manpower. Their accomplishments have contributed significantly to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 36TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL and attached units were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

49. THE 36TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (DENTAL SERVICE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 36TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (DENTAL SERVICE) KJ, distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from November 1965 to July 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated exemplary technical competence, compassion for their fellow man, and a dedicated devotion to duty while providing the highest standards of dental service in a counterinsur-

gency environment. Through tireless effort, exceptional results were attained in all aspects of an oral health program designed to provide dental care to inpatients, outpatients and combat troops. A program of oral hygiene and preventive dentistry proved particularly effective in ensuring the low incidence of dental disease among American military personnel. The voluntary participation by every member of this unit in a civic action and dental treatment program greatly enhanced American-Vietnamese relations. The professional acumen and selfless action by the personnel of the 36TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (DENTAL SERVICE) KJ during this critical period reflect distinct credit upon themselves, the United States Army and the Armed Forces of their country.

50. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 36TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRUCK)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 36TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRUCK) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 August 1966 to 31 March 1967. Initially operating with outmoded and overaged equipment, the unit provided superb transportation support for the United States and free world forces. Two weeks after arrival in Vietnam, they were tasked with operations STABLE and ROBIN, which involved the reception, debarkation, and movement of men and equipment. As a result of their previous operational success, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 36TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRUCK) was charged with transporting supplies for the Korean Army, greatly enhancing United States-Korean relations. With the emphasis on expeditious movement of cargo, the unit not only daily discharged more than forty thousand short tons of supplies, but also concurrently carried thirty thousand gallons of petroleum, oil and lubricants. The members displayed their concern for the Vietnamese people by providing clothing, school supplies, wood for the construction of shelters and, where required, technical assistance. By their intense drive and concern for prompt mission accomplishment, they have materially contributed to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 36TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TRUCK) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

51. THE 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION (SUPPORT) and assigned and attached units:

Company D, 41st Signal Battalion  
 232d Signal Company  
 267th Signal Company  
 518th Signal Company  
 581st Signal Company

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For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION (SUPPORT) assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period July 1965 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and technical skill while providing superb communications support to allied military forces throughout the Vietnamese III and IV Corps areas. Initially functioning as the only signal battalion in the combat zone, the unit readily accepted its prodigious mission with a spirit of bold determination. Despite the inclement weather, severe terrain and hostile environment, the battalion personnel made numerous innovations in the employment of long line communications for tactical situations. Utilizing tested and developmental systems, such as microwave and single band radio, the 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION (SUPPORT) successfully merged incompatible equipment into a highly efficient and effective communications network. Constantly over-committed as a matter of necessity, the members of this unit always manifested singular perseverance and professional competence in rendering comprehensive signal support, often subjecting themselves to the same hazardous conditions as the units they supported. By meeting the expanding communications mission in the most exemplary manner imaginable, the Battalion has made a significant contribution towards the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The fortitude, ingenuity and dedicated devotion displayed by the members of the 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION (SUPPORT) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

## 52. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 43D MEDICAL GROUP

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 43D MEDICAL GROUP distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period November 1965 to May 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and technical skill in providing superb medical administration and regulatory support to twenty-seven subordinate units scattered throughout the combat zone. Despite the prodigious scope of its mission, the unit consistently rendered effective medical coordination between tactical unit medical facilities and major field hospitals, while ensuring the expeditious consolidation and dispatch of medical records and reports. Through singular ingenuity and aggressive determination, the Detachment personnel initiated an air courier service among the group's subordinate units and assumed command of a vast Army medical depot. Functioning as the highest echelon of medical command and control, the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 43D MEDICAL GROUP professionally monitored the Army-level medical

supply mission with the highest degree of proficiency. Also managing the operational control of three mobile laboratories, the unit astutely administered the entire whole blood distribution program for the allied forces throughout Vietnam. Oblivious to numerous environmental and circumstantial obstacles, the unit selflessly devoted every effort to meet the medical support needs of the changing tactical situation, thereby contributing immeasurably to the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency struggle in the Republic of Vietnam. The exemplary perseverance, fidelity and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 43D MEDICAL GROUP were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

53. THE 46TH ENGINEER BATTALION and attached units:  
 536th Port Construction Detachment  
 Company C, 577th Engineer Battalion

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service The 46TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period May 1966 to April 1967. The unit personnel demonstrated professional competence, fortitude and uncommon dedication while providing unmatched construction support for the counterinsurgency effort of free world forces. While operating simultaneously in four different locations, they pioneered in the training and use of Vietnamese personnel on a vast scale. Their ability to expand and thoroughly organize their productive capacities enabled them to carry on an average of forty to sixty widely separated projects at one time. These men played an important role in the development of military facilities at Long Binh Post and in Saigon, and they were fully responsible for the development of major bases at Vung Tau and Dong Tam in the Mekong Delta. Undaunted by their heavy commitment to military construction, they also contributed much of their time to civic action projects which greatly strengthened the spirit of friendship and cooperation between the Vietnamese and American people. The extraordinary proficiency and selfless devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 46TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and attached units were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

54. THE 53D SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) and attached units:  
 16th Signal Detachment (Photography)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 53D SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) and the attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 July 1966 to 30 June 1967. In spite of the adverse effect of dense jungle on radio

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transmission, the units provided superb communications support for United States and free world forces. With unrelenting resolve, the men spent long and arduous hours maintaining and improving static communications positions, which included doubling the capacity of the Headquarters, II Field Force Vietnam telephone switchboard and almost tripling the message processing capability. By adapting existing equipment, the 53D SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) met the urgent need for an air portable radio relay system. In addition, special aircraft command consoles were installed in the commander's helicopter to provide him with greater capability in utilizing other FM radio nets. Realizing the need for an elevated radio position, the unit wrested Hill 837 from the enemy, thereby affording II Field Force an extremely vital communications installation. The members of the Battalion pursued a civic action program based on the needs of the children in the nearby orphanage. Not only did they make generous financial contributions, but they also provided food, clothing, fuel and numerous additions and repairs to existing facilities. By providing superior fixed and mobile communications support, the Battalion has materially aided the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 53D SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 55. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 54TH ARTILLERY GROUP

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 54TH ARTILLERY GROUP, distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 30 September 1966 to 30 June 1967. Arriving in country during a period of extremely adverse weather and with the tremendous task of coordinating the establishment of operations with the construction of a base camp, the members of this unit displayed exceptional tenacity and an indomitable will to overcome all obstacles with the result that these projects were fully completed in the shortest possible time. With the battalions composing the group assigned to widely separated locations in Vietnam, the unit personnel designed, planned and supervised construction of adequate base camps and expeditiously prepared for the staging of all the component units in order to insure that there would be no lag in the support of major operations. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 54TH ARTILLERY GROUP, consistently exhibited incomparable foresight and untiring devotion to the widely diversified needs for artillery support by units throughout the vast war zone. In addition to their demanding tasks, the men of the unit voluntarily contributed long hours and materials to the support of a far-reaching civic action program for the local citizens which contributed immeasurably to their welfare and to relations between the civilians and military. This unit has won the highest praises for its prodigious efforts in bolstering the artillery por-



tion of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 54TH ARTILLERY GROUP, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

56. THE 54TH SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) and attached units:

Detachment 4, 3d Radio Research Unit  
 18th Chemical Detachment  
 18th Signal Detachment  
 30th Headquarters Company  
 30th Transportation Detachment  
 45th Military Intelligence Detachment  
 55th Military Intelligence Detachment  
 147th Military Police Detachment  
 272d Military Police Company  
 528th Ordnance Detachment  
 569th Engineer Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 54TH SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period September 1965 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, diligence and determination while providing unexcelled communications support for the I Field Force and all free world forces operating in the Vietnamese II Corps tactical zone. Despite severe terrain and environment, the Battalion always maintained maximum utilization of equipment and personnel to meet the communications needs of the prodigious command and control mission. The 54TH SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) selflessly participated in, or directly supported, every major combat operation in its area of responsibility. Often at great risk, elements of the unit were deployed in teams to set up vital communications for rapidly maneuvering combat units. In addition to its normal mission, the Battalion assiduously installed and operated an underground cable, telephone switchboard and communications center at Nha Trang. Through professional competence and self-sacrifice, the members of this unit have immeasurably enhanced the overall counterinsurgency effort. The pride of workmanship and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 54TH SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

57. THE 54TH SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) and attached unit:  
 209th Signal Detachment (Photography)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 54TH SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) and

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attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 July 1966 to 30 April 1967. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, diligence and determination while providing unexcelled communications support for I Field Force Vietnam and other free world forces. Despite extremely difficult terrain and unwieldy conventional systems, the units always maintained maximum utilization of equipment and personnel to meet the demanding communications needs of the command and control missions. This included the employment of two multi-channel Very High Frequency Systems, providing a total of thirty-six I Field Force and intra-division circuits. As well as participating in or directly supporting every major combat operation undertaken by I Field Force Vietnam, the 54TH SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) and the 209TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT also supplied separate combat units as small as a battalion with multi-channel voice, teletypewriter, and frequency voice radio communications. In addition, the men donated thousands of dollars, energy, and a considerable amount of their free time to the civic action program. They, through their truly exemplary performance of duty and deep concern for the welfare of the Vietnamese people, have contributed significantly to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 54TH SIGNAL BATTALION (CORPS) and the 209TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 58. THE 56TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (DENTAL SERVICE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 56TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (DENTAL SERVICE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1965 to February 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, dedication and technical skill in providing superb dental health support for the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and supporting units in I and II Corps areas. Operating under the most adverse conditions and with a minimum of resources, the Detachment rendered comprehensive dental treatment to thousands of patients. The unit personnel readily accepted the massive workload involved in the dental treatment of such a large force and also spent long hours in the construction of living quarters and improvement of facilities for better patient care. Often working around the clock, the 56TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (DENTAL SERVICE) personnel ensured that patients were treated most expeditiously by establishing a unique walk-in program that reduced backlog and provided treatment of the same day that the patient was examined. In addition, the Detachment conducted a highly effective medical treatment and education program for the Vietnamese which greatly raised the awareness of proper dental care among the local populace. Through singular initiative and versatility, the

unit members selflessly devoted their consummate efforts to maintain the highest standards of dental treatment possible. Performing every mission in an exemplary manner, the unit has made a significant contribution to the conservation of allied fighting strength in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency, loyalty and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 56TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (DENTAL SERVICE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 59. THE 6TH BATTALION 56TH ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 6TH BATTALION, 56TH ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period November 1965 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, determination and professional skill in providing air defense for military installations in the Saigon, Long Binh and Bien How areas. Arriving in the zone during the massive unit buildup, the Battalion had to select and prepare its own tactical missile sites. Through arduous work and personal sacrifice, the members of the 6TH BATTALION, 56TH ARTILLERY succeeded in becoming operational with 2 days after the Hawk missiles arrived in-country. Since that time, the four batteries have assiduously maintained an exemplary record of operational readiness, despite the harsh environment. During frequent firing evaluations, the Battalion has proven its superior ability to engage any hostile aircraft that might threaten. The generous contributions of time and material this unit has devoted to civic action activities have been of profound benefit to the Vietnamese people in their operational areas. The unrelenting competence and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 6TH BATTALION, 56TH ARTILLERY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 60. THE 57TH AVIATION COMPANY (AIRMOBILE) (FIXED WING) and attached unit:

138th Transportation Detachment (Army Aircraft Repair)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 57TH AVIATION COMPANY (AIRMOBILE FIXED WING) and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period December 1965 to June 1966. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary courage, technical ability and diligence in providing air transportation and supplies to the armed forces of the United States and the Republic of Vietnam. Assuming their vital combat role three weeks after a prodigious trans-oceanic flight, these units assisted in several major combat actions, always adding greatly to their success. Through sound maintenance policies and skillful

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flying, they have consistently maintained the lowest aircraft loss rate, for their type of unit, while always surpassing the most demanding flight schedules. Consistently triumphing over adverse conditions and hostile environment, these units have demonstrated an eagerness and ability to carry out the most difficult missions, greatly enhancing the allied counterinsurgency effort. The perseverance, tenacity and skill displayed by the members of the 57TH AVIATION COMPANY (AIR-MOBILE FIXED WING) and attached 138TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (ARMY AIRCRAFT REPAIR) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 61. THE 61ST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCK) (PETROLEUM)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 61ST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCK) (PETROLEUM) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period August 1965 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, fortitude and determination while providing deliveries of bulk petroleum products and other cargo for American forces operating throughout the Vietnamese II Corps area. Despite hazardous road conditions and the constant threat of hostile attack, the members of the company never faltered in their enthusiastic approach and exemplary accomplishment of every mission. Through unremitting perseverance and tenacity of purpose, the unit successfully transported more than 62 million gallons of petroleum, 10 thousand short tons of cargo and 20 thousand personnel over more than one and one-half million miles of treacherous highway. Many times, often at great risk, elements of the unit moved directly into forward support areas with vital fuel to ensure that mobile counterinsurgency operations could proceed without interruption. The professional competence and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 61ST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MEDIUM TRUCK) (PETROLEUM) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 62. THE 62D ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 62D ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from April 1966 to December 1966. The members of this unit displayed extraordinary skill, tenacity and resourcefulness in providing construction support in the vicinity of Phan Rang. Operating in hostile areas and beset by difficulties imposed by the monsoons, the Battalion diligently built airfields, cantonment areas, submarine pipelines, fuel storage tanks and signal facilities at a prodigious rate. Despite the immense new problems encountered in each

assignment, the unit personnel devoted their ingenuity and determination to overcoming every obstacle in successfully achieving engineering breakthroughs. Working in a zone semi-remote from their parent unit, the men of the 62D ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) hauled most of their building materials forty miles over hazardous and insecure roads from Cam Ranh Bay. In addition, they not only made vast contributions to the revolutionary development program, but also fostered a close friendship between the American and Vietnamese people. Through its aggressive construction program and generous civic action, the battalion has contributed immeasurably to the free world counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The versatility, enthusiastic spirit of cooperation and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 62D ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 63. THE 63D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 63D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 October 1966 to 31 March 1967. By exemplary dedication to their mission, the members of this Company have led all other assigned units in total tonnage hauled per month and have exceeded their Table of Organization and Equipment capability on thirteen occasions. Because of their perfect mission success record, they were often called upon to transport combat emergency cargo. In October 1966, the members played an active part in Operation ROBIN, providing key control officers and drivers to move the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division from the beach at Nha Trang to the airfield loading site. The operation was marked by distinguished performances by all personnel. The 63D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK) completed the first round trip convoy from Cam Ranh Bay to Tuy Hoa, a distance of one hundred and sixteen miles, and extended supply lines to Ban Me Thuot and Dalat. The Company also participated in Operation SUMMERALL, transporting supplies for the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, greatly enhancing that unit's combat potential. The excellent transportation support it provided has contributed greatly to the missions of the supported units and the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 63D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 64. THE 66TH ENGINEER COMPANY (TOPOGRAPHIC) (CORPS)

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GRAPHIC) (CORPS) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1966 to May 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary ingenuity, diligence and professional competence in providing maps and topographical intelligence information for every major combat operation in the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones. Working two shifts on a continuous twenty-four hour per day schedule, this Company rapidly became the most productive topographic company in the Army. Concerned with quality as well as quantity, the men of the 66TH ENGINEER COMPANY (TOPOGRAPHIC) (CORPS) strove constantly to improve the effectiveness of topographic portrayal. Their attention to detail and unremitting desire to improve each study project invariably produced excellent maps which were accurate and meaningful for combat units. Surveying teams from this unit ranged from the Demilitarized Zone to the southern delta region, often occupying isolated hilltops deep in Viet Cong controlled territory. While providing vital artillery control information for field units, they often constructed their own observation towers and provided their own on-station security. Manifesting singular initiative and tenacity in the accomplishment of every mission, the Company has significantly furthered the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The technical skill and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 66TH ENGINEER COMPANY (TOPOGRAPHIC) (CORPS) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 65. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 68TH MEDICAL GROUP

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 68TH MEDICAL GROUP distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 March 1966 to 28 February 1967. This unit demonstrated fortitude, exceptional skill and unflagging dedication in providing superior medical support to United States and free world forces. Not only did the Detachment supply comprehensive medical treatment to the non-divisional personnel in two of the three Corps Tactical Groups, but also provided 2172 beds for medical, surgical, convalescent and specialized treatment. The area of responsibility of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 68TH MEDICAL GROUP encompassed twenty-five thousand square miles and contained tactical forces from many foreign nations as well as United States and Vietnamese troops. The Detachment's men guaranteed that the combat soldier had prompt medical attention by maintaining air and ground ambulance service and monitoring patient movement to ensure requested hospital facilities were available. Showing intense concern for the welfare of the Vietnamese people, the men pursued a vigorous civic action program. They provided medical care, educational instruction and direction to local health authorities in the use

of available medical resources. The selfless actions of these men have contributed significantly to the medical mission and the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 68TH MEDICAL GROUP are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

66. THE 69TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION (GENERAL SUPPORT) and attached units:

128th Signal Company (Depot)  
 129th Main Support Company  
 135th Heavy Equipment Company  
 510th Engineer Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 69TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION (GENERAL SUPPORT) and its attached units, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 September 1966 to 1 April 1967. Upon arrival in country, it was discovered that the function of the Cam Ranh Bay Depot was being impaired by the existing consolidation of maintenance shops and technical supply sections. The unit headquarters undertook the gigantic task of decentralization, accomplishing this objective with a minimal reduction in direct support service during the transitional period. This ingenious step resulted in marked improvements in field maintenance support to customer units and facilitated supply management of more than seven million dollars worth of repair parts. The 69TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION (GENERAL SUPPORT) continually improved its facilities, pursuing a vigorous self-help program in developing existing warehouses into functionally suitable maintenance shops. Utilization of a carefully controlled program of procuring repair parts from Vietnamese contractors led to the establishment of a warm rapport with the local populace in addition to improving the materiel readiness posture of the command. On numerous occasions the unit was called upon to participate in crash programs vital to the allied effort. In every instance the unit members responded by working on an around the clock basis until the project was completed. Their exemplary dedication to excellence bolstered the maintenance aims of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 69TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION (GENERAL SUPPORT) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

67. THE 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION and attached units:

446th Signal Detachment  
 455th Signal Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of

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outstanding service: The 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period November 1965 to October 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, diligence and technical skill while providing tactical communications support to American forces in the Long Binh and Saigon areas. Immediately upon arriving in-country, the Battalion assumed its vital support role, while simultaneously developing cantonment areas out of the hostile jungle terrain. The unit personnel exhibited singular resourcefulness and ingenuity in skillfully fusing American equipment with the existing, outdated French and Vietnamese telephone systems. Despite numerous obstacles, the 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION astutely planned, installed and maintained an integrated cable and radio multiplexing communications network, capable of meeting the expanding demands required by the massive troop buildup. In conjunction, the unit judiciously operated nine communications centers, with over seventy circuits distributed among them. Working long, arduous hours, under the most oppressive climate and hostile environment, the Battalion has made an invaluable contribution to the overall communications mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The exceptional zeal, perseverance and professional competence displayed by the members of the 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

68. THE 70TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) and attached unit:

511th Engineer Company (Panel Bridge)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 70TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from August 1965 to June 1966. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and technical competence while providing superb combat engineer support of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Immediately after arrival in country, the Battalion began clearing roads for the deployment of the division into An Khe. Assuming a two-shift, seven-day-a-week operation, the members of this unit selflessly devoted all their efforts to preparing the cantonment area for the arrival of the division forces. Often working under hostile fire, the 70TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) manifested a spirit of aggressive determination in the prompt and efficient execution of every mission. The 511TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PB) arrived in November 1965 and rapidly provided exemplary panel bridge, dump truck and vertical construction support. Through personal sacrifice, courage and singular perseverance, these two units dauntlessly launched a massive construction program of logistical complexes, supply depots, hospitals, the Division headquarters and numerous roads, defensive positions, airfields and cantonment facilities. Despite, the harsh environment and major shortages of supplies and



equipment, every task was marked with the highest degree of professionalism and consummate workmanship, thereby immeasurably enhancing the successful prosecution of the 1st Cavalry Division mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable diligence, esprit and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 70TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) and the attached 511TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PB) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

69. THE 70TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) and attached unit:

511th Engineer Company (Panel Bridge)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 70TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from June 1966 to December 1966. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, dedication and perseverance in providing superb combat engineer support to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Operating under the most adverse conditions of weather and terrain, the Battalion planned and began construction on numerous varied projects for the improvement of the Division base camp. Often working around the clock, the unit personnel constructed a logistical complex, 140-bed hospital. Division headquarters complex, aircraft storage and maintenance facilities, security lights and guard towers on the base perimeter. In addition, they accomplished partial construction of a cantonment area for more than twenty-one thousand men, while simultaneously providing continuous maintenance and repair of all Division facilities. The 70TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) and 511TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PANEL BRIDGE),- in addition to their regular duties, conducted a comprehensive and highly valuable civic action program designed to raise the standard of living of the local civilians. Through outstanding initiative and stamina, the unit members succeeded in maintaining the highest standards of construction and maintenance possible. Performing every mission in a most exemplary manner, the Battalion has significantly enhanced the vital engineer mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable dependability, fortitude and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 70TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) and the attached 511TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PANEL BRIDGE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

70. THE 6TH BATTALION, 71ST ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 6TH BATTALION, 71ST ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of

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Vietnam during the period September 1965 to July 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, determination and professional competence in providing air defense for military installations in the Cam Ranh Bay and Nha Trang areas. Originally deployed to Qui Nhon, the Battalion effected a prodigious 125-mile move to its permanent site without incident, and was combat-operational in the minimum time. Through arduous work and diligent training, all four Hawk missile batteries maintained an accumulative operational percentage of over 95 percent. This is exceptionally commendable, as all resupply and maintenance support was necessarily accomplished by airlift and often at night. The phenomenal ability of the batteries to achieve rapid firing posture was repeatedly demonstrated by superior scores attained on frequent readiness evaluation tests. Selflessly sacrificing their personal time and leisure, the personnel of the unit conducted an outstanding civic action program that proved of profound benefit to the Vietnamese people within their areas of operations. The proficiency and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 6TH BATTALION, 71ST ARTILLERY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 71. THE 73D AVIATION COMPANY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 73D AVIATION COMPANY (AERIAL SURVEILLANCE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period December 1964 to August 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance and technical skill in providing vital intelligence support to American, Vietnamese and free world forces committed throughout the combat zone. Due almost entirely to the efforts of the 73D AVIATION COMPANY (AERIAL SURVEILLANCE) new tactical doctrines and concepts were developed in the use of various sensors and equipment. During several operations these tactics were instrumental in reducing Viet Cong movement during the hours of darkness. Despite the severe environment and hostile activities, the unit accomplished its many critical and complex missions in an exemplary manner. Through diligent planning and meticulous execution, the unit has made an immeasurable contribution to the overall counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The professional competence and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 73D AVIATION COMPANY (AERIAL SURVEILLANCE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 72. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 79TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of

outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 79TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1966 to January 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity and diligence in rendering superb staff planning, coordination and control over a vast engineer organization which provided support for most of the southern portion of the combat zone. Arriving in-country during the massive buildup of American forces, the unit judiciously directed the construction of many base camps urgently needed to quarter deploying combat units. Through discerning utilization of limited resources, the Company personnel ensured that vital engineer support was carried out by its subordinate units, which were widely scattered throughout central and southern Vietnam. Despite adverse weather, severe terrain and hostile environment, the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 79TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION) astutely monitored an extensive program of heavy construction, maintenance of logistical and strategic lines of communication and operational support of three infantry divisions, two infantry brigades, one airborne brigade and an armored cavalry regiment. Every mission was characterized by efficient preparation, meticulous attention to detail, imagination and prompt responsiveness to the ever-changing tactical situation. By diligent application of sound engineering principles and bold determination, this unit has materially enhanced the prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular ingenuity, zeal and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 79TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 73. THE 79TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (GUIDED MISSILE GENERAL SUPPLY) (HAWK)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 79TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (GUIDED MISSILE GENERAL SUPPLY) (HAWK) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from August 1966 to May 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary dedication, perseverance and technical skill in providing supply and general maintenance support to Army HAWK missile battalions deployed throughout the combat zone. Selflessly overcoming many environmental adversities, the Detachment reorganized into a depot-level unit managing over five hundred tons of critical repair parts and major end-items valued at more than thirty million dollars. Through rare initiative and aggressive determination, the unit personnel effectively minimized complex problems inherent in rendering low density logistical support to an extremely sensitive and complicated air defense system. The 79TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (GUIDED MISSILE GENERAL SUPPLY) (HAWK) con-

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sistently executed prompt and preventive action that precluded serious operational difficulties and ensured maximum missile system reliability. Moreover, the Detachment established such unique operating procedures and logistical precedents that they have been adopted in similar defense networks throughout the world. This exemplary unit has gained high acclaim for its singular efforts in bolstering the Air Defense portion of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 79TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (GUIDED MISSILE GENERAL SUPPLY) (HAWK) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 74. BATTERY E (AVIATION), 82D ARTILLERY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: BATTERY E (AVIATION), 82D ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 November 1966 to 30 April 1967. Arriving in Vietnam in September 1965, the unit has provided continuous combat support to artillery operations of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). In fulfilling its direct support mission, the Battery adjusted the fires of numerous artillery units, causing maximum destruction of hostile fortifications, weapons and personnel. Despite heavy combat support commitments, the members of BATTERY E (AVIATION), 82D ARTILLERY maintained a high aircraft availability rate, meeting or exceeding the requirements established by higher headquarters. By familiarizing themselves with the techniques of artillery adjustment, the men accomplished maximum fire effectiveness and were capable, with a single aircraft sortie, of conducting two or more fire missions simultaneously. Their significant increase in aerial adjustment ability allowed the members to fully support the divisional and non-divisional artillery battalions without increasing their own number or assigned aircraft. In addition, they established, staffed, and conducted an aerial observer school for Division artillery officers. By superior skill and unflagging dedication to executing their vital mission, the men of the unit have contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of BATTERY E (AVIATION), 82D ARTILLERY are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 75. COMPANY A, 82D AVIATION BATTALION, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: COMPANY A, 82D AVIATION BATTALION, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE), distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period May 1965 to July 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, fortitude and professional skill in provid-

ing aerial combat support to all free world military assistance forces within the Vietnamese III Corps tactical zone. The determined and intrepid support rendered by the Company on all combat missions resulted in the highest possible achievement of tactical objectives by the supported ground units. Despite extreme hazards of adverse weather, terrain and hostile ground fire, the members of the unit selflessly devoted their every effort to ensure that the ground forces were adequately reinforced and supplied. Flying all types of missions, including aerial assault, resupply, reconnaissance and medical evacuation, the Company assiduously maintained a record of unequalled success. Through unrelenting determination, consummate ability and boundless courage, the personnel of this unit astutely devised new capabilities for aviation support that have contributed immeasurably to the overall counterinsurgency effort. The exemplary performance of the Company in accomplishing its vital combat role significantly enhanced the image of US Army Aviation in the Republic of Vietnam. The ingenuity, zeal and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of COMPANY A, 82D AVIATION BATTALION, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

76. THE 82D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 82D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from December 1965 to November 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary professionalism, determination and gallantry during combat in providing unparalleled aeromedical evacuation support for American and free world forces in the IV Corps Tactical Zone. Operating over a 12,000-square-mile area of responsibility, the unit aviators, medical aidmen and crew chiefs executed demanding assignments with consummate skill and proficiency. Regardless of combat or weather conditions, the 82D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) consistently responded with phenomenal speed and efficiency to evacuation requests from battle fields, islands, offshore naval vessels and outposts. The expediency with which every mission was performed provided indomitable combat medical service and made it possible for the successful evacuation of 3464 patients throughout the period. The dedicated men of this unit invariably met each prodigious challenge with unimpeachable discipline and loyalty, far exceeding all expectations and affording unequalled support of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The boundless courage, perseverance and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 82D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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and attached units:

1st Platoon, 497th Engineer Company (Port Construction)  
1st Platoon, 513th Engineer Company (Dump Truck)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 84TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period June 1965 to May 1966. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and professional competence while providing superb engineering support to free world military forces. Commencing construction of an Engineer base camp immediately upon arrival at Qv.i Nhon, the Battalion aggressively assumed its prodigious mission with resolute determination. Even before this project was completed, the unit had also begun support work on two crusher sites, several depots, a Special Forces camp and rehabilitation of the An Khe Airfield. Within the first few months, the Battalion was augmented by the 1ST PLATOON, 513TH ENGINEER COMPANY (DT) and the 1ST PLATOON, 497TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PC) and, despite the tremendous workload, all projects were completed with minimum delay. Working against severe terrain, oppressive climate and the hostile environment, the personnel of the 84TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and the attached units never faltered from their relentless efforts to complete every assigned task. Through their singular proficiency, numerous projects of vital importance to the counterinsurgency effort were rapidly and resourcefully constructed, including a hospital, helipads, pontoon piers, fuel systems, signal exchanges and relay stations, roads and billeting facilities. The exemplary workmanship, perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 84TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and the attached 1ST PLATOON, 513th ENGINEER COMPANY (DT) and the 1ST PLATOON, 497TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PC) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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78. THE 85TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SEMI-MOBILE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 85TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SEMI-MOBILE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 10 September 1965 to 30 April 1967. Although hindered by equipment shortages and adverse weather and terrain, this unit provided excellent medical support to United States and free world forces. The Hospital staff, by untiring and vigorous application of its professional skills, administered highly effective treatment to a total patient influx of 25,552 during this period. In spite of the demanding requirements of caring for

hospitalized personnel, the members of the 85TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SEMI-MOBILE) participated in the medical civic actions program, which involved them in nineteen separate projects and provided in-patient, surgical care and consultation to local civilian medical facilities. Often working far beyond normal duty hours, they devoted an average of one hundred and eighty-one man hours per month to MEDCAP activities. Although under the most adverse conditions, the Hospital never lowered its standards or faltered in its devotion to duty in providing for the welfare of United States and Vietnamese personnel. By their execution of timely and precise medical treatment, they have materially contributed to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 85TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SEMI-MOBILE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 79. THE 87TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 87TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 May 1966 to 28 February 1967. Despite handicaps of sandy terrain, extreme heat and torrential rain, the Battalion displayed uncommon dedication and construction ability in providing superb engineer support to United States Forces. This unit, by skillful planning and vigorous execution, completed a myriad of projects, including building construction, helicopter pads and airfields, recreational areas, a water purification site, road construction, excavation and operation support. By application of astute leadership and exceptional ability, the Battalion completed the Cam Ranh Bay Army Airfield in only two weeks. In addition, the unit was responsible for the construction of the post chapel at Cam Ranh Bay. During Operation FARRAGUT, members of the 87TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) rendered invaluable assistance to elements of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division by constructing an airfield and roads and aiding in the clearing program in the Le Hong Phong forest. Also, they built the South Beach Amphitheater, which, among other functions, hosted the 1966 Bob Hope Christmas Show. The superior manner in which the men performed their various and demanding tasks has materially contributed to the welfare and morale of United States troops and the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 87TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 80. THE 90TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION and attached units: 18th Replacement Company 178th Replacement Company

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259th Replacement Company  
381st Replacement Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 90TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period August 1965 to July 1967. The men of this unit demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, fortitude and dedication while providing replacement activity support throughout the period of the massive buildup of American forces. Although they processed a remarkable average of over 22,500 men in and out of Vietnam per month, the men of the 90TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION sought every opportunity to smooth the transition of incoming personnel into the war zone and to speed the return to the United States of those homeward bound. Judiciously utilizing their limited resources through self-help construction programs, the men of the 90TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION constructed a processing station at Tan Son Nhut Airbase and later a large complex of billeting, mess and processing facilities at Long Binh Post. They managed their vast replacement operations with deceptive ease, and, when confronted with hostile or airport repair emergencies, they smoothly alternated operations between the Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa Airbases. But their successful handling of this enormous challenge and their highly efficient processing of American military personnel, they contributed significantly to the successful prosecution of the allied counterinsurgency effort. The professional competence, selfless service and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 90TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 81. THE 91ST EVACUATION HOSPITAL

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 91ST EVACUATION HOSPITAL distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 14 December 1966 to 31 July 1967. Despite a lack of construction assistance and adverse weather conditions, they provided superb medical support for United States and free world forces. With supervision from an engineer unit, they became a labor force, and, through the application of dynamic leadership, individual pride and initiative, the Hospital personnel erected eighty buildings, including a modern surgical complex. On 15 March 1967, the 91ST EVACUATION HOSPITAL became operational, fulfilling the need for an effective medical facility. With extreme dedication, the unit has treated a myriad of cases as well as performing over six hundred major surgical operations. In addition, a MEDCAP II activity was organized, which involved the construction of a dispensary devoted exclusively to the examination and treatment of Vietnamese personnel and periodic visits to the surrounding villages. Also, three orphanages and three refugee camps were given excellent medical assistance. By their enthusiastic and professional actions, the unit has made



a significant contribution to the welfare of American, Vietnamese and other free world forces personnel and to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 91ST EVACUATION HOSPITAL were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

82. THE 92D AVIATION COMPANY and attached unit:  
51st Transportation Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 92D AVIATION COMPANY and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from October 1964 to December 1966. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, professional airmanship and a superb dedication in providing combat aviation support and aircraft maintenance throughout the I and II Corps tactical zones. Serving as the sole means of support for outposts scattered in some inaccessible regions of Vietnam, the 92D AVIATION COMPANY daily used primitive airfields under most difficult and dangerous weather and terrain conditions. In order to relieve besieged outposts dependent on their supply missions, members of this Company frequently braved intense hostile fire to deliver ammunition, medical supplies and reinforcements and to evacuate casualties. This outstanding aviation support would not have been possible without the unexcelled maintenance provided by the men of the 51ST TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT. Servicing aircraft spread over an immense area, this unit provided unfailing aircraft repair and recovery, despite threatening weather, terrain or hostile presence. The remarkable performances of both of these units, whether in direct combat support or in civic action efforts, have brought wide acclaim and have materially enhanced the effective prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The technical competence, exemplary accomplishments and devotion to duty displayed by the men of the 92D AVIATION COMPANY and the 51ST TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

83. THE 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 92d Military Police Battalion  
Company C, 87th Infantry  
148th Military Police Platoon  
188th Military Police Company  
300th Military Police Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of

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military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period October 1966 to September 1967. These dedicated units provided excellent security and law enforcement support and ensured the defense of vital war materials in the Saigon Port and surrounding area. The units' comprehensive system of security controls included guarding warehouses, cargoes on ships and preventive measures to eliminate sabotage. By stringent application of this system, the Battalion dramatically reduced the amount of supplies lost through pilferage. In addition, the unit worked with the National Police in preventing illegal river traffic and terrorist activity. Through its persevering actions, safe water transportation has been realized in Nha Be and Cat Lai, and Newport's warehouse security posture has been phenomenally improved. The men of the 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION served in various capacities while maintaining discipline and law enforcement in the Saigon-Tan Son Nhut area. Participating in patrols with the Air Police, they reduced the ground vulnerability of the Tan Son Nhut Air Base, its conference sites and the adjacent civilian airfield. Competent in all facets of their mission, the men provided protection for many visiting military and civilian dignitaries. The timely detection of explosive charges in the theater which later hosted the "Bob Hope Christmas Show prevented potential disaster. By unusual perception and exceptional skill, they have contributed significantly to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 84. THE 93D EVACUATION HOSPITAL

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 93D EVACUATION HOSPITAL distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1966 to 31 October 1967. The exemplary actions and professional resources of the Hospital were factors contributing to the sustained manpower level enjoyed by United States and free world forces. Using its almost unlimited assets of medical skill, the unit provided surgical care of the highest caliber, reducing the loss of life and limb to a minimum. In addition, it administered excellent treatment to individuals suffering from non-combat injuries and medical diseases. The members of the 93D EVACUATION HOSPITAL developed a system for handling mass casualties, treating large influxes of injured personnel in their usual expeditious and efficient manner. With complete dedication to their mission, the staff treated many multi-national patients, including Vietnamese soldiers and civilians, Koreans, Japanese, Filipinos and American civilians. Concerned for the welfare of the Vietnamese people, they pursued a vigorous medical civic action program in which members of all hospital functions participated. The care rendered by the physicians and corpsmen has contributed significantly to the medical mis-

sion and the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 93D EVACUATION HOSPITAL are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 85. THE 100TH ENGINEER COMPANY (FLOAT BRIDGE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 100TH ENGINEER COMPANY (FLOAT BRIDGE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 15 October 1966 to 3 June 1967. The unit, by efficient planning, control and responsiveness to an ever-changing tactical situation, provided excellent engineer support to United States Forces within the 79th Engineer Group's area of responsibility. Not only did this unit have the primary mission of engineering, but it also had a secondary function, cargo hauling. Working in conjunction with tactical efforts, the Company provided excellent engineering to major combat operations, including ATTLEBORO, MANHATTAN, BISMARCK, CEDAR FALLS, FAIRFAX and JUNCTION CITY. With total concentration on mission accomplishment, the members of the 100TH ENGINEER COMPANY (FLOAT BRIDGE) compiled a phenomenal record in vehicular transportation. Since their arrival in Vietnam, they have traveled over 765,000 miles and have hauled over 156,380 tons of construction materials, ammunition and supplies to both base camps and isolated tactical areas. Demonstrating imagination and tremendous insight, the men resolved the problems inherent in spanning an eight hundred foot gap by placing a Bailey Bridge on five hundred seventy-ton pontoons. In addition, they contributed over two hundred dollars to the Orphan Scholarship Fund, enabling two students from the village of Long Kien to receive two years of schooling in Saigon. By their vigorous efforts and collective excellence, the Company's personnel have contributed significantly to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 100TH ENGINEER COMPANY (FLOAT BRIDGE) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

86. THE 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) <sup>Amended</sup> q.ct/u'i  
 Troop A, 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry  
 20th Chemical Detachment  
 5th Howitzer Battalion, 27th Artillery  
 Support Battalion (Airborne)  
 181st Military Intelligence Detachment (Airborne)  
 2d Howitzer Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery  
 Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion

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1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry  
2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry  
406th Radio Research Detachment  
2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry

8169 29 For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period July 1865 to' October 1966. Selected to be the first CONUS-based unit to fight in Vietnam, the 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION has fought brilliantly, establishing a pattern of resounding victories in every major Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army encounter and rendering ineffective several hostile battalions and one complete regiment. Superb in its adaptation to jungle counterinsurgency warfare, the 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION developed and implemented a centralized base camp organization which enabled it with spectacular success to improve mobility, conserve supplies, and release many additional men for forward deployment. While carrying a prodigious combat load, the members of this unit selflessly contributed their personal time to more than 2000 civic action projects which included transporting and supplying over 12,000 refugees, providing medical care for over 37,000 Vietnamese in outlying areas, and improving the political, psychological, and economic conditions in every area in which they traveled. The 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION'S exceptional standards of administration, maintenance, discipline and morale achieved these remarkable results without interrupting the vigorous search and destroy mission. The tenacity and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 87. THE 118TH AVIATION COMPANY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 118TH AVIATION COMPANY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from June 1963 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and professionalism in providing phenomenal combat aviation support to allied forces throughout its area of tactical responsibility. Born in combat, the Company was one of the first Army Aviation units to employ airmobile tactics in direct combat. Consistently manifesting the highest degrees of gallantry, stamina and aggressive determination, the unit pilots and crews selflessly flew innumerable missions under the most adverse conditions of weather, darkness and hostile fire. Often losing both helicopters and men, the 118TH AVIATION COMPANY braved every conceivable hazard to perform vital medical rescue, airlift, aerial assault, resupply, extraction and fire support missions. On many occasions, the timely and effective support rendered by the personnel of

this exemplary Company served as the impetus behind Vietnamese, Korean and American victories over hard-core enemy forces. This unit invariably met each prodigious challenge with unimpeachable discipline and loyalty, far exceeding all expectations and contributing immeasurably to the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The boundless courage, perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 118TH AVIATION COMPANY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 88. THE 121ST SIGNAL BATTALION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 121ST SIGNAL BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from June 1966 to May 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, fortitude and consummate skill in providing peerless communications support for the 1st Infantry Division. The history of the Battalion's performance during the cited period was one of continual growth in capabilities provided, unique innovations in techniques developed, and superior accomplishments in services rendered. By judicious utilization of limited resources, the unit personnel supported every counterinsurgency operation conducted by the division over its vast tactical area of responsibility. The 121ST SIGNAL BATTALION manifested singular foresight and resourcefulness by designing a special aircraft communications console to improve combat command and control and by integrating very high frequency and frequency modulation antenna masts to provide greater area coverage. Added flexibility was given to all commanders by the astute establishment of a radio wire integration network. Although often hampered by adverse weather, severe terrain, shortage of time and hostile attack, the unit personnel selflessly applied their aggressive determination and unrelenting professionalism to ensure the best in communications support to the 1st Infantry Division. Their remarkable success at every assigned task has significantly enhanced the prosecution of the allied effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The initiative, perseverance and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 121ST SIGNAL BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 89. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 124TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TERMINAL A)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 124TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TERMINAL A) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 October 1966 to 30 June 1967. The unit arrived in Vietnam at a time when ships normally waited several days at anchor before discharging their cargoes. To increase

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the rate of cargo flow and increase the efficiency of discharge and tonnage handled, the unit immediately instituted measures to alleviate this situation. During the cited period, the vessel days in port dropped from an average of almost four days to the point where all ships were discharged within twenty-four hours of docking. Charged with the responsibility of controlling the entire Cam Ranh Bay port complex and five outport areas scattered along almost two hundred miles of coastline, the unit quickly grasped the nature of numerous difficult operations, producing significant improvements in the utilization of shipping, lighterage and manpower. By revising port communications and liaison systems, the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 124TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TERMINAL A) furnished rapid response and immediate solutions to operational problems, allowing receivers and truckers to establish priorities for personnel and equipment assets. Making use of the self-help program, the unit converted deteriorated tents and crudely constructed buildings into a company area featuring permanent barracks for enlisted men, officers' quarters, conference rooms and administrative buildings. This unit exemplified the spirit of the free world forces by its singular efforts in bolstering the transportation aims of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the MEMBERS OF THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 124TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TERMINAL A) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 90. THE 125TH SIGNAL BATTALION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 125TH SIGNAL BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 8 November 1966 to 30 June 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated professional competence, fortitude and uncommon dedication while providing unmatched communications support for the 25th Infantry Division over a vast area of operations. Often working far beyond normal duty hours, they planned, operated and maintained as many as eighty-three multiple channel Very High Frequency systems, extending the range of communication and thereby increasing the effectiveness of combat efforts. Realizing the need for a versatile and yet portable radio system, the men of the 125 SIGNAL BATTALION responded by modifying existing equipment into a twelve channel configuration. The new system has been invaluable in linking command posts with remote field units and has been adopted by numerous units throughout Vietnam. Consistently seeking to improve existing facilities, the Battalion improvised a power telephone system within the Division Headquarters, facilitating rapid contact between units and enabling immediate reaction to continually fluctuating combat situations. Adverse weather conditions, hostile fire, and demanding duty never allayed their desire to accomplish

their mission and contribute to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 125TH SIGNAL BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

91. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 125TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TERMINAL A)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 125TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TERMINAL A) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1966 to March 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary tenacity, integrity and professional skill while aiding in the management and improvement of cargo operations of the Saigon Port Authority. Receiving the unprecedented mission of assisting the director of a large commercial port, the company rapidly developed and implemented comprehensive plans for speeding the handling of cargo through the congested facilities. This was an emergency problem requiring immediate treatment, since the port was a key transportation center during a critical supply period for both the Vietnamese economy and free world military operations. The men of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 125TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TERMINAL A) instituted modern methods of cargo accounting, increased harbor security and established a plan for the most efficient use of existing facilities. Their initiative and foresight often proved to be the deciding factors in achieving success. By dramatically reducing the time for ship movement through the port, they greatly expedited the transfer of military and commercial cargo. Manifesting rare dedication and ingenuity, the Company has contributed significantly to the growth of the Vietnamese nation and the strength of the allied counterinsurgency effort. The remarkable proficiency, perseverance and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 125TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TERMINAL A) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

92. THE 134TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY (PETROLEUM SUPPLY) (MOBILE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 134TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY (PETROLEUM SUPPLY) (MOBILE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period June 1965 to July 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and professional skills in providing unexcelled direct and general petroleum support to all combat and

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combat support units operating in the Vietnamese II Corps area. In order to best accomplish this prodigious task, the Company devoted all its resources to developing an outstanding storage area, while establishing a close rapport with local Vietnamese officials in order to enhance existing commercial facilities. Once completed, the unit assiduously served as a petroleum distribution center for the receiving, testing, storing and issuing of all bulk fuel and allied products. Demonstrating exemplary perseverance and fortitude, the 134TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY (PETROLEUM SUPPLY) (MOBILE) participated in twenty major combat operations, and substantiated the feasibility of resupplying vital fuel in 500 gallon pods. Throughout this entire period, the Company personnel expeditiously and efficiently handled over 50 million gallons of fuel and 13 million tons of petroleum products for all free world military forces in their operational area. Selflessly contributing time and materials, the company has profoundly benefited the local Vietnamese people through a productive civic action program. The initiative, aggressiveness and unrelenting devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 134TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY (PETROLEUM SUPPLY) (MOBILE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 93. THE 135TH AVIATION COMPANY and attached unit: 258th Transportation Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 135TH AVIATION COMPANY and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from January 1966 to December 1966. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and professional skill in providing direct and general combat aviation support to units and organizations assigned to the I Field Force Vietnam. After deploying to the combat zone as the largest flight of aircraft to fly over the mid-Pacific route, the two units rapidly assumed their operational roles in minimum time. In addition to flying routine support missions, these units often accepted extremely hazardous assignments with aggressive determination. Braving in these hostile fire, inclement weather and darkness, the unit personnel fearlessly flew innumerable medical evacuations, troop airlifts and logistical resupply missions to ensure that the committed ground forces could accomplish their vital objective. Despite the handicap of operating from temporary cantonment areas, the 135TH AVIATION COMPANY and the 258TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT consistently rendered unequalled support, maintaining an aircraft availability of 82.2 percent while flying the allied cause, the unit personnel also participated in civic actions programs which were of profound benefit to the local Vietnamese people. Devoting the same concern and proficiency to training United States Air Force personnel to assume the "Caribou" aircraft mission, these units completed an enviable record of aviation support which significantly enhanced



the overall counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 135TH AVIATION COMPANY and the 258TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 94. THE 168TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 168TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period January 1966 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, diligence and tenacity while providing comprehensive engineering support for the 1st Infantry Division. Despite the severe climate, terrain and hostile environment, the Battalion consistently performed the most arduous tasks with a spirit of aggressive determination. Often working around the clock and braving insurgent fire, the members of this unit remained undaunted in their resolute efforts to build and secure vital facilities and roads for the support of the Division forces. Throughout its area of operations, the 168TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) masterfully constructed major cantonment areas, airfields, heliports, a headquarters compound and hospitals, in addition to destroying numerous enemy complexes and booby traps. Regardless of the mission or hazards involved, the Battalion personnel always manifested singular initiative and perseverance. Selflessly devoting personal time and materials, the unit also supported a highly successful civic action program, which was of significant benefit to the local Vietnamese people. The outstanding performance of this Battalion has immeasurably enhanced the prosecution of the overall counterinsurgency effort. The exemplary professionalism and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 168TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 95. THE 169TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and attached unit

##### 43d Engineer Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service The 169TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from June 1966 to April 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, determination and technical skill in providing unexcelled construction support for American units over a vast operational area. Hazardous conditions, in territory where hostile action was taking place, were never a barrier to the accomplishment of any mission. The Battalion personnel diligently completed numerous

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construction tasks which enabled them to significantly further the development of the immense troop cantonment area at Long Binh and many other sites in the Bien Hoa-Long Thanh-Saigon vicinity. In addition, the men of the 169TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) enhanced the mobility and effectiveness of combat forces through their rapid construction of river transport facilities, heliports and an extensive ground transportation network. Despite the difficulties of operating two separate base camps under adverse conditions, while simultaneously working in support of 9th Infantry Division operations, the unit maintained a remarkably low deadline rate. Manifesting the same initiative and resourcefulness toward every task, whether sponsoring a new unit or assisting the local Vietnamese, the Battalion has materially contributed to the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The rare dedication and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 169TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

96. THE 169TH ORDNANCE BATTALION (MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) and attached units:

- 7th Ordnance Detachment (Supply)
- Maintenance Platoon, 19th Quartermaster Company (Direct Support)
- 56th Signal Company (Field Service Maintenance)
- 63d Engineer Detachment (Maintenance)
- 129th Ordnance Company (Collection and Classification)
- 149th Ordnance Company (General Support)
- 178th Ordnance Company (FS)
- 271st Signal Detachment (Radar)
- 286th Signal Detachment (Depot)
- 289th Quartermaster Detachment (OMR)
- 290th Signal Detachment (Depot)
- 336th Signal Detachment (Depot)
- 337th Signal Detachment (Radio)
- 532d Engineer Detachment (Maintenance)
- 554th Ordnance Company
- 578th Engineer Company
- 618th Ordnance Company
- 629th Ordnance Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services: The 169TH ORDNANCE BATTALION (MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY), and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period September 1965 to July 1966. The members of this battalion and attached units demonstrated professional skill in exceptional perseverance while providing ordnance, engineer, signal and quartermaster supply and direct maintenance support to all non-division units within the United States Army Support Command, Qui

Nhon. During numerous tactical operations, the 169TH ORDNANCE BATTALION (MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) furnished general maintenance support to combat units operating in the area. With unequaled diligence, the 163TH ORDNANCE BATTALION (MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) accomplished the prodigious repair parts supply mission so vital in a sustained counterinsurgency environment. The selfless and determined manner in which field expedient repairs were made, often under hostile fire, consistently insured maximum serviceable equipment to combat troops. Voluntarily participating in every major civic action program, the members of this unit have made an incalculable contribution to Amer lean-Vietnamese relations. The ingenuity, dedicated devotion to duty, and pride in workmanship exemplified by the personnel of the 169TH ORDNANCE BATTALION (MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) reflects distinct credit upon themselves, the United States Army, and Armed Forces of their country.

97. THE 170TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT ' (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 170TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from November 1965 to October 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, fortitude and technical competence in providing sabotage protection and explosive disposal for the American Ambassador to Vietnam, visiting American dignitaries and all allied military forces in the Saigon metropolitan area. Despite the grave dangers, they often rendered a potentially disastrous situation harmless by isolating and disposing of misplaced or accidentally activated explosives. Performing under the most hazardous of circumstances, these men thoroughly investigated locations of sabotage attempts and the numerous scenes of terrorist attacks. The teams of the 170TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL) were often the first emergency unit to arrive at the site of terrorist explosions. They unflinchingly risked the danger of sniper fire or follow-up explosions to quickly search the attack zones for additional explosive devices emplaced by the enemy. To further diminish the danger of Viet Cong activities, this unit also established a training and information program to acquaint both civilians and military personnel with the various types of terrorist devices and the necessary protective measures that should be taken. The professional skill and devotion to duty, displayed by the members of the 170TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

98. THE 178TH AVIATION COMPANY and attached unit:  
400th Transportation Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of

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outstanding service: The 178TH AVIATION COMPANY and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from April 1966 to January 1967. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and professional competence in providing phenomenal combat aviation support to allied forces throughout the III and IV Corps tactical zones. The Helicopter Company, with the outstanding maintenance support rendered by the Transportation Detachment, consistently manifested the highest degrees of gallantry, aggressive determination and diligence, enabling friendly ground forces to function with maximum effectiveness. Although born in combat and working in their first year of existence, the 178TH AVIATION COMPANY and the 400TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT readily braved every conceivable hazard to perform airlift, aerial assault, resupply, civil disaster action, extraction and fire support missions. These exemplary units spearheaded the highly successful OPERATION ABILENE and continued in unequalled support of twelve other major missions. The personnel of these units invariably met each prodigious challenge with unimpeachable discipline and loyalty, far exceeding all expectations and contributing immeasurably to the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The boundless courage, perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 178TH AVIATION COMPANY and the 400TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 99. THE 219TH AVIATION COMPANY

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 219TH AVIATION COMPANY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from June 1965 to May 1966. During this period, the members of this company demonstrated professional skill and perseverance while providing direct combat aerial support over the vast Vietnamese II Corps area. Through assiduous implementation of a systematic program, the Company ensured continuous visual reconnaissance coverage, which has proved invaluable to the tactical ground commanders. Despite the most adverse combat and environmental conditions, the members of this unit approached every mission in an aggressive and determined manner. The 219TH AVIATION COMPANY developed the highly responsive "Headhunter" concept which has effectively destroyed numerous hostile targets that would not normally warrant a full air strike. Operating at extreme limits of endurance, the unit has consistently overcome tremendous obstacles to accomplish its mission. The ingenuity, fortitude and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 219TH AVIATION COMPANY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves, the United States Army and the Armed Forces of the United States.

100. THE 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY, (0-1) and attached unit:

325th Signal Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (0-1) and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1966 through November 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and professional competence in providing phenomenal combat aviation support to allied forces throughout its area of tactical responsibility. Flying an average of 3000 hours per month, the unit has consistently accomplished a remarkably high quality of aerial reconnaissance and surveillance missions over the 30,000 square mile IV Corps tactical zone. The unit pilots and crews selflessly flew innumerable missions under the most adverse weather conditions, darkness and hostile fire which resulted in a meticulous daily account of enemy location, numerical strength and weaponry. Constantly maintaining the ultimate in aerial support, the 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (0-1) repeatedly performed beyond its normal capabilities in serving not only as an observation element, but also as radio relay, convoy escort, artillery adjustment, aerial resupply and command liaison. The timely and effective support rendered by the personnel of this exemplary company served as the impetus behind friendly victories over hard-core enemy forces. In compliance with the end mission of the allied forces, the Company adopted an orphanage, contributed regularly to two other orphanages and actively participated in voluntary civic programs to solidify the rapport between the Vietnamese people and the allied personnel. The boundless courage, perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (0-1) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

101. THE 224TH AVIATION BATTALION (RADIO RESEARCH) *amended GO 1, '69*

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 224TH AVIATION BATTALION (RADIO RESEARCH) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1966 to 30 April 1967. Despite the adverse conditions characteristic of the counterinsurgency environment, the unit provided unexcelled intelligence support to United States and free world forces. The battalion's astute actions produced timely information which enabled ground commanders to take prompt action against insurgent forces. With unrelenting determination, the members of the 224TH AVIATION BATTALION (RADIO RESEARCH) overcame the obstacles inherent in their growth from an aviation section to a four company battalion.

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They have contributed excellent direct support to the Army, Navy, Marines and other allied forces by supplying classified technical intelligence information regarding the location and movement of hostile forces. Their selfless dedication, tenacity of purpose and professional ability have contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 224TH AVIATION BATTALION (RADIO RESEARCH) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 102. THE 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1966 to July 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, perseverance and professional skill in providing superb aeromedical evacuation support to American and allied forces throughout the Vietnamese III Corps tactical zone. Despite the continuous adversities of inclement weather, severe terrain and hostile action, the Detachment always met the increasing demands necessitated by the expanded counterinsurgency effort. Evacuations from battlefields under enemy fire were commonplace, and the unit often utilized single-ship night missions to render the most responsive service possible. In an attempt to increase evacuation capability, the 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) helped develop, and was the first unit to employ, a hoist extraction device on its aircraft. While participating in over 5,900 combat sorties, the pilots and crews of this unit repeatedly and gallantly exposed themselves to great personal risk in order that life and limb might be saved. Through aggressive determination and consummate ability, the Detachment has significantly enhanced the vital morale of the combat soldier, thereby making an invaluable contribution to the successful prosecution of the free world cause in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular courage, tenacity and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 254TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 103. THE 283D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 283D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period October 1965 to September 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, perseverance and consummate skill while providing

superb aeromedical evacuation support for American and allied military forces throughout the Vietnamese Army III Corps tactical zone. Assuming its operational mission immediately upon arrival in the combat zone, the Detachment began rendering the exemplary medical assistance for which it soon became recognized. Despite the extreme hazards of enemy fire and severe weather conditions, the personnel of this unit consistently accepted every operational challenge with dauntless courage and aggressive determination. As insurgent activities increased and a greater number of casualties were sustained, the 283D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) met the prodigious demands in a highly efficient and expedient manner. Evacuations from battlefield sites, while under hostile fire, were commonplace as the unit members frequently risked their own lives in order to save others. The vital morale of the supported front line soldier was significantly enhanced by the assurance of prompt evacuation and medical aid. Through selfless participation in over 4500 flights without an accident, the pilots and crewmen of this unit have made an immeasurable contribution to the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The gallantry, tenacity and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 283D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

104. THE 303D RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION and assigned units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 303d Radio Research Battalion  
 175th Radio Research Company  
 335th Radio Research Company  
 337th Radio Research Company  
 372d Radio Research Company  
 404th Radio Research Detachment  
 408th Radio Research Detachment  
 409th Radio Research Detachment  
 856th Radio Research Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services: The 303D RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION and its assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1966 to 31 July 1967. The members of the Battalion demonstrated fortitude, uncommon skill, and unswerving dedication in providing timely and accurate intelligence to the II Field Force Vietnam. Displaying phenomenal versatility, the men expeditiously met each commitment and kept pace with the fluid combat situation. With professional skill and unrelenting effort, they labored far in excess of normal duty hours to ensure that all elements of the II Field Force received the best intelligence information. With superb foresight and rare adaptability, the members of the 303D RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION over-

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came and minimized the problems inherent in providing intelligence support during a period of rapid increases in the intensity and scope of combat operations. They provided complete intelligence support to the combat soldier, which earned them the praise and admiration of combat commanders. Through their initiative, resourcefulness, flexibility and readiness to resort to the expedient, the Battalion's members have materially contributed to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 303D RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 105. THE 313TH RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 313TH RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from April 1966 to May 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, tenacity and consummate skill in providing unexcelled communications intelligence and communications security support to the I Field Force Vietnam and its subordinate combat elements. Despite adverse environmental and hostile conditions, the Battalion participated in every major operation in its area of responsibility and consistently provided factual and timely special intelligence information. Although originally organized to support conventional warfare operations, the unit personnel rapidly adapted to the demands of a counterinsurgency struggle. The 313TH RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION made remarkable strides in reconfiguring equipment to attain superior performance, while retraining personnel to function in a fast-moving, highly mobile tactical situation. Throughout the cited period, the unit members selflessly dedicated their every effort to rendering invaluable aid to field commanders in the planning of combat missions against a determined and elusive enemy. In every phase of operations, they manifested rare proficiency and an exceptional team spirit, enhancing the free world military effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular perseverance and resourcefulness displayed by the members of the 313TH RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 106. THE 497TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PORT CONSTRUCTION)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 497TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PORT CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 September 1965 and 1 March 1967. The members of the unit demonstrated extraordinary dedication, tenacity and performance while providing excellent en-



gineer support to United States and free world forces. This unit, the only United States company of its type in Vietnam, has developed port facilities at Cam Ranh Bay, Qui Nhon, Vung Ro, Phan Rang, Nha Trang and Phan Thiet. By working on a double shift basis, the men of the 497TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PORT CONSTRUCTION) installed the first DeLong pier in Vietnam at Cam Ranh Bay. Its utilization doubled the port's deep-draft vessel off-loading capabilities, and, by adding two other such piers, they increased the shallow-draft capacity by the same amount. With consummate skill and exemplary initiative, the men designed, constructed and installed a floating pontoon pier and submarine pipeline in support of combat operation JOHN PAUL JONES. In addition to their superlative engineering accomplishments, they actively participated in civic action programs, giving special attention to improving the sanitary conditions of the two nearby villages. Through their excellence, they have materially contributed to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 497TH ENGINEER COMPANY (PORT CONSTRUCTION) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 107. THE 529TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 529TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 2 January 1967 to 2 July 1967. Less than two weeks after it arrived in Vietnam, this unit reached full operational capability and began fulfilling its transportation mission. When called upon to transport units of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division over a land route considered insecure, the unit responded with an effort which materially assisted in the successful accomplishment of a vital combat mission. Later, part of the unit provided direct combat support, port clearance and convoy assistance to several units of the 1st Cavalry Division. The commendable safety program conducted by the 529TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK) resulted in an unblemished safety record for the unit and a myriad of safety awards for unit members. During the cited period, the unit amassed more than one half million accident-free miles. The exceptional maintenance system utilized by this unit is evidenced by the fact that during a six month period the unit had no vehicles deadlined, despite operating over deteriorated roads. Through adaptability, perseverance and fortitude, the unit exceeded what is normally expected in the transportation field. This exemplary unit epitomized the spirit of the free world forces through its singular efforts in bolstering the transportation aims of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 529TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT

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TRUCK) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military-service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 108. THE 533D ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE DISPOSAL CONTROL)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 533D ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE DISPOSAL CONTROL) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from January 1966 to December 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, diligence and professionalism in providing peerless control over explosive ordnance disposal for American forces in the combat zone. Despite the prodigious demands resulting from the massive troop buildup, the Detachment dedicated itself to ensuring that disposal support was both timely and responsive. Through continuous liaison with major combat units, the Detachment personnel promoted a highly effective program for the elimination of explosive hazards throughout the command. Deploying on-site teams near engaged forces, the 533D ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE DISPOSAL CONTROL) repeatedly rendered highly flexible and safe elimination of hostile munitions and traps on an immediate basis. After terrorist attacks on the allied ammunition storage facilities at Qui Nhon and Long Binh, the unit members quickly coordinated the emergency disposal of countless explosive hazards, returning the depots to normal operations in minimum time. In addition, the unit worked closely with medical specialists to assist in analyzing fragments and projectiles causing combat wounds, while simultaneously conducting classes for all units on the latent perils of explosives. The singular tenacity and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 533D ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE DISPOSAL CONTROL) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 109. THE 541ST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 541ST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period September 1965 to March 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary determination, fortitude and proficiency in providing unexcelled transportation support to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near An Khe. Serving as the principal means to distribute all cargo for the Division, the Company has operated under the most primitive and hazardous conditions to ensure sustained support of tactical operations. The damage caused by severe terrain and environment necessitated prodigious maintenance tasks, that were met through the great-

est personal sacrifices and perseverance of each member of the Company. Drivers were often required to work around the clock, and to live in their vehicles for weeks at a time, in order to accomplish the exhaustive supply mission. The unit's exemplary and selfless performance has been a source of confidence and pride throughout the Division, as its superior combat efficiency was never hampered by lack of vehicular support. The professional competence and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 541ST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LIGHT TRUCK) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 110. THE 557TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (GUARD)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 557TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (GUARD) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period September 1965 to June 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary determination, fortitude and professional skill while providing armed security for vessels and maritime personnel traveling the Song Nga Bay River from Vung Tau to Saigon. The magnitude of this task was unprecedented due to the vast area and innumerable vessels to be secured. With tenacity of purpose and assiduous application of personnel resources, the 557TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (GUARD) successfully accomplished every task in an exemplary manner. The achievements compiled by the unit include unparalleled protection of American merchant marine and Military Sea Transportation Service vessels against hostile attack, and support of the command's transient stockade. The results of the company's selfless, unrelenting, and successful efforts have significantly enhanced the security, prestige and image of the American forces in Vietnam. The unswerving perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 557TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (GUARD) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

#### 111. THE 588TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 588TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from November 1965 to February 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary ingenuity, diligence and fortitude in providing superb combat engineer and construction support to the allied forces. Often working around the clock, the unit judiciously employed its limited resources to ensure maximum service to all requesting units. The Battalion personnel selflessly endured the severe environment and hostile conditions, as they meticulously planned and professionally built countless facilities, roads, airfields and cantonments vital to the support of the combat

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forces. The exemplary performance of the 588TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) was always characterized by bold resourcefulness, efficacious execution and the singular ability to simultaneously perform widely dispersed missions in remote areas. Despite many adversities and hardships, the unit never faltered in its tenacious drive and resolute determination to accomplish each challenging task. The remarkable construction and combat engineering support rendered by the Battalion has significantly enhanced the effectiveness of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The consummate skill, exactitude and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 588TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 112. THE 701ST MAINTENANCE BATTALION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 701ST MAINTENANCE BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period October 1965 to July 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, perseverance and fortitude in providing exceptional maintenance and supply support to the 1st Infantry Division. Through hard work and selfless sacrifice, (the Battalion established vital forward supply bases in the dense jungle and became operational in minimum time. Despite adverse environment and hostile action, the members of the unit assiduously provided critical maintenance support to the widely deployed combat elements. Often at great personal risk, the Battalion personnel dauntlessly performed on-site battlefield repairs to ensure that the ground forces remained combat-ready. The 701ST MAINTENANCE BATTALION repaired almost 25,000 pieces of combat equipment, thereby maintaining the high firepower and tactical mobility of the Division elements. Through aggressive determination and unremitting professional skill, the Battalion personnel have materially contributed to the ability of the 1st Infantry Division on consistently inflict decisive defeats on the insurgents. Sparing no effort, the Battalion overcame numerous obstacles to accomplish every assigned mission in an exemplary manner. The tenacity and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 701ST MAINTENANCE BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

113. THE 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and attached units:

615th Military Police Company  
90th Military Police Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and

attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period March 1966 to December 1966. The members of these units demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and consummate skill in providing superb military police support in the metropolitan Saigon-Cholon area. Despite the prodigious responsibility of rendering law enforcement services along with static and mobile security in such a congested and complex environment, the Battalion invariably accomplished every mission with remarkable dispatch, tact and efficiency. On several occasions, the composed and expeditious actions of security guards saved many lives during terrorist bombings and attacks. Although hampered by adverse and hazardous conditions, the personnel of the 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and attached units diligently patrolled the volatile capital and meticulously investigated thousands of traffic mishaps, incidents and felonious complaints. These units also provided numerous security escorts for visiting dignitaries and elements of major combat forces moving through Saigon. Realizing the crucial importance of aggressive revolutionary development, the Battalion personnel selflessly contributed time and assistance to many civic action projects which were of profound benefit to the local Vietnamese civilians. The exemplary discipline, perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and attached units were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

114. THE 720TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and attached unit:

615th Military Police Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 720TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION, and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 19 October 1966 to 31 May 1967. Upon arrival in Vietnam, the unit was assigned to Long Binh Post with the dual mission of providing security for the Long Binh ammunition supply depot and maintaining law enforcement throughout the III Corps tactical zone. Operating from a base camp in a relatively insecure area and with limited resources, this unit displayed the utmost in efficiency and competence in providing the prompt establishment of law enforcement, road and convoy security and prisoner escort throughout their vast area of assignment. Displaying exemplary initiative and perseverance, the members of this unit selflessly worked around the clock to establish their own base of operations while continuously performing all assigned missions with unparalleled proficiency and tenacity. Notable among the achievements of the 720TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION were the planning and supervision of the escort of two large United States Army units over eighty miles of enemy infiltrated territory to secure bases with no major losses to the three thousand vehicles and over

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twelve thousand men. Concurrent with this operation, the members of this unit gained the highest acclaim for their continuously outstanding support of combat operations and local police actions throughout the III and IV Corps tactical zones. In addition to their tremendous workload, the members of the unit voluntarily contributed countless hours to the aid of local civilians through a highly comprehensive civic action program which greatly enhanced the living conditions of these villagers and contributed immeasurably to a good working relationship throughout the area. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 720TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 115. THE 864TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 864TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from 14 August 1966 to 11 May 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated superb construction support to American units in the Nha Trang and Cam Ranh Bay areas. The first unit to land at Cam Ranh Bay, the Battalion battled extremely adverse conditions of monsoons and heat to establish a port which could handle the load necessary to support the tremendous troop buildup in Vietnam. The personnel of the 864TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) selflessly worked around the clock to develop docks and landing facilities at the port city, while simultaneously constructing base camps for other units arriving in the area. The construction and development of vast prefabrication, concrete, asphalt and quarry complexes to serve the Battalion's large operational area was a major contribution unprecedented in combat operations. Through outstanding initiative and versatility, the unit members selflessly devoted their efforts to maintaining the highest maintenance and construction rates possible. Performing every task in an exemplary manner, the Battalion has immeasurably furthered the vital engineering mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The singular proficiency, stamina and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 864TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 116. THE 919TH ENGINEER COMPANY (ARMORED), 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 919TH ENGINEER COMPANY (ARMORED), 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 14 August 1966 to 11 May 1967. Despite the problems inherent in conducting operations in Vietnam, the unit provided excellent engineer support to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Because of the tactical demands on the parent unit, the Company travelled the length and breadth of the III Corps tactical zone and participated in sixteen major tactical operations. Displaying a unique ability to detect and destroy enemy fortifications, the unit has denied the Viet Cong the use of 1155 bunkers and other field fortifications and has destroyed more than 5100 meters of tunnel. Its skill in detecting and clearing hostile mines has been instrumental in preventing friendly casualties and destruction of essential tactical equipment. During Operation CEDAR FALLS, the members of the 919TH ENGINEER COMPANY (ARMORED), 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT assisted in capturing more than 450,000 pages of enemy documents, a catastrophic loss to insurgent forces. Recognizing the plight of the Vietnamese people, they executed a vigorous civic action program, improving wells, drainage facilities and roads, and constructing bridges and culverts. Their singular accomplishments and concern for the welfare of friendly personnel have contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 919TH ENGINEER COMPANY (ARMORED), 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### 117. THE 935TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (KO)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service; The 935TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (KO) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period December 1965 to September 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, perseverance, and technical skill while providing superb psychiatric and neurological consultation and treatment for American casualties in the combat zone. Readily adapting to the severe climate, terrain and hostile environment, the team consistently rendered comprehensive service that resulted in the lowest combat psychiatric evacuation rate in the history of the Army. By singular foresight and tenacity, the members of this unit established a mental hygiene consultation service to serve the thousands of soldiers in the Long Binh area. In addition, the 935TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (KO) actively conducted thorough medical research activities, which will be of lasting value in the study of combat psychiatry. Manifesting enviable initiative and profound compassion, the unit personnel selflessly assisted local Vietnamese physicians in the proper use of medicines in treating the mentally ill. Through exemplary performance of duty, this unit has significantly enhanced the successful prosecution of the medical mission in the Republic of Vietnam. The rare diligence and devoted dedication displayed by the members of the 935TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (KO) were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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### 118. THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH TEAM (WALTER REED ARMY INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH) VIETNAM

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH TEAM (WALTER REED ARMY INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH) VIETNAM distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from November 1963 to December 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary technical competence, determination and compassion for their fellow man in providing vital information concerning health standards of allied forces and the Vietnamese people. Through diligent research and meticulous application of findings, the unit solved innumerable problems which long plagued the indigenous population and propounded a definite threat to the health of the allied personnel in-country. In order to maximize its effectiveness, the UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH TEAM (WALTER REED ARMY INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH) VIETNAM worked in conjunction with various Southeast Asian medical agencies, thereby supplying them with data relative to the rectification of widespread health disorders. The selflessness displayed by the unit members was evident in the number of constructive aid programs established and the phenomenal efficiency with which the entire mission was conducted. Voluntarily participating in long and arduous studies of the Vietnamese physical and mental state of being, the Team has greatly contributed to the solidification of mutual relations between, allied forces and the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency, stamina and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH TEAM (WALTER REED ARMY INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH) VIETNAM were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 119. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND QUI NHON

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, QUI NHON distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period August 1965 to July 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, determination and professional competence in providing command and control of the total logistical effort for all the free world military assistance forces in the Qui Nhon support area. Despite limited resources and the most adverse operating conditions, the unit expeditiously established key logistical support at strategic sites throughout its area of responsibility. This prodigious accom-



plishment ensured the successful loading, deployment and support of numerous units and combat forces arriving in the combat zone. Concurrently, the members of the Detachment assiduously maintained direct support for numerous combat operations, thereby immeasurably assisting in the tactical objectives of the overall counterinsurgency effort. Often under the extreme hazards of hostile action, the unit selflessly devoted every measure of its fortitude and capacity to deliver the vital supplies and services required by the engaged troops. Throughout the cited period, the unit exhibited singular tenacity and consummate skill in meeting the vastly expanding logistical support mission. The proficiency, diligence and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, QUI NHON were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

120. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND SAIGON

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, SAIGON distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1966 to February 1967. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary ingenuity and professionalism in providing superb command, control and coordination of all logistical support for allied forces in the III and IV Corps tactical zones. Operating with limited resources and under the most adverse environmental conditions, this unit judiciously established key logistical support bases at strategic locations. Despite the burgeoning commitment of American forces, Company personnel diligently strove to assure the successful landing, deployment and supply of numerous combat units arriving in the southern half of the theater. In addition, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, SAIGON capably coordinated both the general and direct support of every combat operation in its area of jurisdiction. In each instance, the unit promptly and efficiently satisfied even the most critical supply and service requirements, thereby contributing materially to the attainment of tactical objectives. Through aggressive determination and rare initiative, this company has been a significant factor behind the successful prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The consummate skill and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, SAIGON were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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### 121. THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PORT SECURITY AND WATERWAYS DETAIL VIETNAM

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PORT SECURITY AND WATERWAYS DETAIL VIETNAM distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 15 October 1966 to 15 April 1967. Working in conjunction with the 1st Logistical Command, this unit provided the necessary highly-skilled personnel to assume the vital mission of securing port areas and supervising the handling of ammunition and explosives. The men worked almost endless days in inspecting, logging, categorizing and providing solutions for the problems they found. The UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PORT SECURITY AND WATERWAYS DETAIL VIETNAM devoted extensive effort to the development of adequate safeguards for the Saigon Port and Newport Terminal which presented almost insurmountable problems in security. As a result of their efforts in coordinating the activities of the United States Army and Navy, the Vietnamese Navy, Military Police, and National Police and Customs, port security was improved immeasurably. In the inspection of warehouses and storage areas, the unit detected and eliminated potentially catastrophic situations, reducing the possibility of accidental fires and explosions. In ensuring the safe handling of vital combat supplies, they have substantially contributed to the counterinsurgency efforts of free world forces. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PORT SECURITY AND WATERWAYS DETAIL VIETNAM were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

### 122. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS AREA COMMAND

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS AREA COMMAND distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 April 1966 to 1 September 1967. Since its origin, the scope of the Detachment's mission has been dramatically increased to include administrative and operational responsibilities within the Saigon area. The unit directed the largest municipal military police effort in the world, which included law enforcement, physical security, criminal investigations and the patrolling of highways in and around Saigon. In addition, they supplied electric power to two hundred and seventy-seven individual facilities, providing for the smooth functioning of communications centers, hospitals, administrative headquarters and other vital elements. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUAR-

TERS DETACHMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS AREA COMMAND was the focal point for the news media and important visitors. By using skill, diplomacy and understanding when dealing with the local populace, the members of the Detachment have maintained the exemplary image of the United States Army. Since its inception, the unit has continually carried out all its missions with determination and resourcefulness, contributing significantly to the counterinsurgency efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS AREA COMMAND are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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