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I. VALOROUS UNIT AWARD. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraphs 194 and 202.1, AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is confirmed for the following units of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the periods indicated as awarded by cited authority.

1. 2D BATTALION, 2D INFANTRY and its assigned and attached units:
 Forward Observer Team, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery
 Troop I, 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry
 For the period 23 through 25 May 1969 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 1119, 1971.
2. BATTERY A, 2D BATTALION, 32D ARTILLERY and its assigned units:
 1st and 4th Gun Sections, Battery A, 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery
 2d Squadron, 5th Section, Battery D, 71st Artillery
 3d Platoon, Section 241, Battery I, 29th Artillery
 On 1 April 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 771, 1971.
3. BATTERY A, 2D BATTALION, 35TH ARTILLERY
 On 18 April 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 769, 1971.
4. 101ST AVIATION GROUP (101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION) and its assigned units:
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Aviation Group
 159th Aviation Battalion
 158th Aviation Battalion
 101st Aviation Battalion
 163d Aviation Company
 For the period 22 July 1970 to 23 July 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 770, 1971.
5. 2D BATTALION, 502d Infantry
 For the period 13 August 1970 to 30 August 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 919, 1971.

II. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraphs 194 and 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is confirmed for the following-named units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated as awarded by cited authority.

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1. **34TH SUPPLY AND SERVICE BATTALION** and its assigned units:
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Supply and Service Battalion
56th Supply Company
74th Supply and Service Company
384th Quartermaster Detachment
452d General Support Company
560th General Support Company
855th General Support Company
For the period 16 September 1968 through 31 March 1969 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 4457, 1969.
2. **1ST ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION**
For the period 3 June 1968 to 5 June 1969 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 686, 1971.
3. **1ST MILITARY POLICE COMPANY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION**
For the period 1 February 1968 to 31 July 1969 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 658, 1971.
4. **3D ORDNANCE BATTALION** and its assigned units:
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Ordnance Battalion
54th Ordnance Company
60th Ordnance Company
71st Ordnance Company
78th Ordnance Detachment
148th Ordnance Company (For the period 1 September 1969 to 30 September 1970)
205th Ordnance Platoon (For the period 15 September 1969 to 12 March 1970)
550th Ordnance Detachment (For the period 16 September 1969 to 19 April 1970)
576th Ordnance Company (For the periods 1 January 1969 to 30 April 1969 and 15 September 1969 to 30 September 1970)
826th Ordnance Company (For the period 10 February 1969 to 31 August 1969)
For the period 1 January 1969 to 30 September 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 1015, 1971.
5. **6TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION** and its assigned and attached units:
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 6th Transportation Battalion
86th Transportation Company
321st Transportation Company
446th Transportation Company
543d Transportation Company (For the period 1 October 1969 to 31 May 1970)
572d Transportation Company
For the period 1 July 1969 to 31 May 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 691, 1971.

6. **7TH SUPPORT BATTALION** and its assigned and attached units:
 - Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 7th Support Battalion
 - Company A, 7th Support Battalion
 - Company B, 7th Support Battalion
 - Company C, 7th Support Battalion
 - 49th Infantry Platoon
 - Company M, 75th Infantry
 - 76th Infantry DetachmentFor the period 1 January 1969 to 30 June 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 669, 1971.
7. **7TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION** and its assigned and attached units:
 - Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 7th Transportation Battalion
 - 62d Transportation Company
 - 534th Transportation Company
 - 10th Transportation CompanyFor the period 1 April 1969 to 30 September 1969 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 900, 1971.
8. **8TH ENGINEER BATTALION**
For the period 1 September 1968 to 30 September 1969 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 855, 1971.
9. **HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 8TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP**
For the period 1 April 1969 to 31 March 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 673, 1971.
10. **13TH SIGNAL BATTALION**
For the period 1 October 1968 to 1 April 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 833, 1971.
11. **15TH ADMINISTRATION COMPANY**
For the period 1 July 1969 to 31 March 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 701, 1971.
12. **HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 18TH ENGINEER BRIGADE**
For the period 1 March 1969 to 31 March 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 657, 1971.
13. **HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 20TH ENGINEER BRIGADE**
For the period 1 August 1968 to 28 February 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 684, 1971.
14. **22D REPLACEMENT BATTALION** and its assigned and attached units:
 - Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 22d Replacement Battalion
 - 507th Replacement Company
 - 510th Replacement Company
 - 526th Replacement Company
 - 544th Replacement CompanyFor the period 1 July 1969 to 30 June 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 685, 1971.

15. 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL and its attached units:
45th Medical Detachment (For the period 1 September 1968 to 15 August 1969)
104th Medical Detachment
For the period 1 September 1968 to 31 August 1969 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 409, 1971.
16. HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND BAND, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, DIVISION SUPPORT COMMAND
For the period 1 January 1970 to 5 December 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 408, 1971.
17. 25TH MEDICAL BATTALION
For the period 1 September 1969 to 30 September 1970 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 696, 1971.

III. NAVY MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. Award of the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation to the following United States Army unit by the Secretary of the Navy for the period 1 May 1967 to 31 July 1969, is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1. The citation reads as follows:

138TH AVIATION COMPANY (RADIO RESEARCH) UNITED STATES ARMY

For meritorious achievement in support of combat operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 May 1967 to 31 July 1969. Operating throughout this period in the I Corps Tactical Zone, the 138th Aviation Company contributed significantly to the combat mission of the III Marine Amphibious force by conducting countless successful flight missions, often under the most adverse flying conditions. Through their continuous display of professionalism, determination, and resourcefulness, the officers and men of the 138th Aviation Company rendered invaluable support to major commands throughout I Corps, making a major contribution toward the achievement of Free World objectives in the Republic of Vietnam. The 138th Aviation Company's performance throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

IV. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD. The UNITED STATES ARMY SECURITY AGENCY FIELD STATION, SHEMA, has been awarded the United States Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from 1 July 1968 to 30 June 1970. This award is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

V. REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION. The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation which was awarded by the Republic of Korea to the 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION, United States Army is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 218, AR 672-5-1.

The citation reads as follows:

For extraordinary sacrifice and service rendered to the Republic of Korea during the period August 1945 to December 1948 and from 17 September 1950 to 27 March 1971. The 7th Infantry Division, United States Army in war and in peace has contributed to safeguarding the Republic of Korea from Communist aggression. The memory of the 7th Infantry Division is etched into

the soil of Korea by the blood and sacrifices of its officers and men: from the Inchon landing to the Yalu; to the bitter battles of Bloody Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge and Pork Chop Hill; 805 days of combat; and the 15,126 casualties suffered during the Korean War. The 7th Infantry Division has served with distinction and honor in the Republic of Korea. The 18 years since the truce only reinforces the ties between the 7th Infantry Division and the Republic of Korea by strengthening the anti-communist posture of this nation. The military competence as well as the comradeship shown to the Korean nation is in keeping with the highest military traditions of the United States Army and will live eternally in the hearts of the Republic of Korea.

VI. VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. The award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam to units of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

11TH ARMORED CAVALRY and its assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry
- 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry
- 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry
- 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry
- Air Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry
- 984th Engineer Company (For the period 3 December 1969 through 25 January 1970)
- 919th Engineer Company
- 506th Supply and Service Company
- 7th Army Postal Unit
- 17th Public Information Detachment
- 28th Military History Detachment
- 33d Chemical Detachment
- 398th Transportation Detachment
- 409th Radio Research Detachment
- 541st Military Intelligence Detachment
- 37th Medical Company

The citation reads as follows:

During the period 1 May 1969 through 15 February 1970, the 11th Armored Cavalry and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves by meritorious service and achievement in the conduct of military and psychological operations in the III Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam. Constantly demonstrating discipline, spirit, and self-sacrifice, the Regiment, in coordination with the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, Regional and Popular Forces, and Civil Irregular Defense units, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, both in men and supplies. Participating in the Dong Tien program, the Regiment assisted immeasurably in providing training and upgrading the military capabilities of the Regiment and Popular Forces throughout the III Corps Tactical Zone. The Regiment constructed many schools, market places, and homes and restored security to the Binh My area where the people had suffered from Communist terrorism. During the latter part of the cited period, the Regiment was assigned the responsibility of controlling the corridors of enemy troop and weapons infiltration near the Cambodia border and the Bu Dop area. Although many bloody clashes occurred, the Regiment accomplished its mission in an

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outstanding manner. The Regiment has made many substantial and outstanding contributions in assisting the Republic of Vietnam in its struggle with Communist forces.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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