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**I. WEAR OF VIETNAMESE UNIT AWARDS.** Vietnamese unit awards may be worn on the military uniform on a permanent basis by personnel who were assigned to and present for duty with the unit at any time during the period of action cited; or attached by competent orders to and present for duty with the unit during the entire period or 30 consecutive days of the period of action cited. The awards may be worn on a temporary basis by all personnel who are assigned to the unit subsequent to the period of action cited. Temporary wear terminates upon reassignment from the unit.

**II. VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM.** 1. 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.

2. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 12 July 1965 to 16 October 1968 to:—

THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Infantry Division
- Artillery
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 1st Infantry Division Support Command
- 1st Administration Company
- 1st Aviation Battalion
- 1st Engineer Battalion
- 1st Medical Battalion
- 1st Military Police Company
- 1st Supply and Transport Battalion
- 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry
- 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry
- 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery
- 8th Battalion, 6th Artillery
- 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery
- 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 18th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry

3. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period December 1965 to August 1968 to:

THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery

Headquarters Company and Band, 25th Infantry Division Support Command

1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized)

Battery B, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery

Company C, 4th Engineer Battalion

Company D, 4th Medical Battalion

3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry

1st Battalion, 8th Artillery

1st Battalion, 14th Infantry

1st Battalion, 35th Infantry

1st Battalion, 69th Armor

1st Battalion, 27th Infantry

2d Civil Affairs Company

Troop C, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry

2d Battalion, 35th Infantry

2d Battalion, 9th Artillery

2d Battalion, 12th Infantry

2d Battalion, 22d Infantry

2d Battalion, 14th Infantry

2d Battalion, 27th Infantry

2d Battalion, 34th Armor (less Company B)

2d Battalion, 77th Artillery

3d Battalion, 22d Infantry

3d Battalion, 13th Artillery

4th Battalion, 9th Infantry

4th Battalion, 23d Infantry

6th Battalion, 77th Artillery

7th Battalion, 11th Artillery

9th Chemical Detachment

15th Public Information Detachment

18th Military History Detachment

20th Public Information Detachment

25th Administration Company

25th Aviation Battalion



25th Medical Battalion  
 25th Supply and Transportation Battalion  
 25th Military Police Company  
 25th Military Intelligence Detachment  
 38th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)  
 40th Medical Detachment  
 40th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)  
 44th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)  
 46th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)  
 Company F, 50th Infantry  
 65th Engineer Battalion  
 66th Infantry Platoon (Combat Tracker)  
 125th Signal Battalion  
 257th Field Artillery Detachment  
 258th Field Artillery Detachment  
 341st Aviation Detachment, 58th Aviation Battalion  
 390th Quartermaster Detachment  
 Company B, 704th Maintenance Battalion  
 725th Maintenance Battalion

The citation reads as follows:

The 25th Infantry Division, United States Army, under the command of Major General *Ellis W. Williamson*, has been an outstanding and highly combat-experienced unit which has achieved many outstanding victories and is a great terror to the Communist aggressors. During the period from December 1965 to August 1968, the 25th Infantry Division operated with great enthusiasm, either unilaterally or in coordination with units of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, in launching many large-scale operations to destroy Viet Cong bases in Hau Nghia, Gia Dinh, Tay Ninh, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces. The 25th Infantry Division personnel were particularly remarkable during the following operations: Atlanta, 18 November 1967—23 December 1967 in the Iron Triangle Area; Yellowstone, 8 December 1967—24 January 1968 in War Zone C; Saratoga, 8 December 1967—10 March 1968 in areas adjacent to Hau Nghia, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces; Toan Thang (Phase I), 7 April 1968—1 June 1968 in Tay Ninh, Hau Nghia, Gia Dinh, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces; Toan Thang (Phase II), 1 June 1968—30 August 1968 in Tay Ninh, Long An, Binh Duong, Hau Nghia, and Gia Dinh Provinces. During these operations, although confronted by intense hostile fire and unfavorable terrain conditions, the courageous men of the 25th Infantry Division, with extensive combat experience and adamant resolution to fight until victory, fought stubbornly and with great calmness to destroy many Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Regular Army units, killing more than 12,000 of the enemy in action, capturing thousands of weapons, along with large quantities of ammunition, clothing, equipment, documents, and destroying many important enemy bases and installations. Units of the 25th Infantry Division were also highly effective in overwhelming two all-out enemy attacks during the Tet period and May 1968, and in thwarting Viet Cong attempts to attack Tay Ninh Province late in July 1968, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. Simultaneous with their military efforts, the 25th Infantry Division personnel also partici-

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pated enthusiastically in various civic action activities, such as constructing schools and houses, repairing roads, conducting medical clinics, and distributing medicine and food to local inhabitants, thereby promoting the bonds of friendship between the Vietnamese people and the U.S. Armed Forces. Through these brilliant efforts, the 25th Infantry Division has contributed substantially and effectively to the struggle against Communism in the Republic of Vietnam.

4. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 July 1966 to 31 July 1966 and 9 December 1966 to 18 January 1967 to:

THE 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)  
and its assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade
- 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry
- 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry
- 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry
- Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion
- Battery A, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 320th Artillery
- Troop A, 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry
- 42d Infantry Platoon
- 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Aviation Section
- 1st Platoon, 101st Military Police Company
- 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division Support Battalion (Provisional)
- 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (Provisional)
- 3d Radio Research Unit
- 20th Chemical Detachment
- Team 9, 41st Civil Affairs Company
- Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery
- 181st Military Intelligence Detachment
- 245th Psychological Operations Company
- 406th Radio Research Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), United States Army is an outstanding unit which exhibits a gallant fighting spirit at all times. During the period that the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), was stationed in the 24th Special Sector, Republic of Vietnam, it conducted many important and successful operations to thwart enemy plans for seizing the highlands and to block the enemy from moving into the coastal region. In particular, during various battles at Toumorong in July 1966 and during Operation "Pickett," conducted from 9 December 1966 to 18 January 1967 along the Cambodian-Vietnamese-Laotian border, north of Kontum, and in the Dakakoi Valley, northeast of Kontum, units of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), fought bravely, destroying the entire 24th Regiment of the North Vietnamese Army, and achieved the following brilliant results: 598 Viet Cong killed in action; 34 Viet Cong taken prisoner; 4 Viet Cong surrendered; 25 crew-served and 195 individual weapons, along with a large quantity of clothing and important documents, captured; and 67 tons of rice destroyed. Over and above these outstanding achievements, the 1st Brigade,



101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), has proved its matchless ability and strength by attacking and destroying the enemy and, at the same time, providing effective support for the 24th Special Sector of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in the mission of blocking the waves of Communist aggression.

5. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 19 April 1968 to 15 August 1968 to:

THE 2D BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)  
and its assigned and attached units:

2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Headquarters and Headquarters Company

1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry

2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry

1st Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry

1st Battalion (Airborne), 321st Artillery

2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry

Company C, 326th Engineer Battalion

Company B, 326th Medical Battalion

Company B, 501st Signal Battalion

2d Platoon, Company A, 801st Maintenance Battalion

2d Platoon, 101st Military Police Company

Forward Support Element, 501st Supply Company

265th Radio Research Company

34th Public Information Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), United States Army, under the command of Colonel *John H. Cushman*, is an excellent, veteran unit which always displays an enthusiastic spirit of dedication to destroying the Communists. While participating in battles in the 11th Division Tactical Area, the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), along with various organic and attached units, fought courageously and achieved splendid victories through two outstanding operations. The first operation, Lam Son 216-Carentan

was conducted from 19 April 1968 to 17 May 1968 in the Quang Dien District. During this operation, the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) soldiers heroically attacked and destroyed enemy rear bases and forward headquarters, thus preventing the enemy from attacking the city of Hue. Operation

Lam Son 224-Nevada Eagle was conducted from 16 May 1968 to 15 August 1968.

During this operation the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) soldiers not only protected the local inhabitants' crops but also inflicted heavy losses upon Viet Cong units and entirely destroyed the 803d Regiment/324th-B Division of the North Vietnamese Army. During these two operations, soldiers of the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), killed 2,382 Viet Cong, captured 257 Viet Cong and seized 119 crew-served and 505 individual weapons as well as a large quantity of equipment. Through these splendid achievements, the soldiers of the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) contributed significantly to the fight against Communism to preserve freedom in Vietnam and, at the same time, displayed the indomitable will and the heroic tradition of the United States Armed Forces.

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6. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 15 May 1964 to 16 August 1968, to:

DETACHMENT B-52 (PROJECT DELTA), 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES

The citation reads as follows:

The brave soldiers of this unit successfully accomplished their mission despite many dangers. During the four years since the establishment of Project Delta, the advice and support given to the Vietnamese Special Forces Training Center in combat operations throughout the four corps tactical zones of Vietnam has been outstanding. These highly trained personnel contributed immeasurably to stemming Communist aggression through cooperation with the Vietnamese Special Forces in 36 combat operations, utilizing reconnaissance, infiltration and raiding techniques, to destroy known Viet Cong secret bases. In addition to successfully advising the Vietnamese Special Forces, Detachment B-52 has participated in several victorious operations with other Republic of Vietnam and allied forces at Vung Ro, Duc Co, and Plei Me, resulting in 958 enemy killed in action, 94 captured, and the seizure of 28 crew-served and 89 individual weapons plus a large quantity of equipment and important documents. Numerous important enemy installations were destroyed by tactical air support directed by elements of Detachment B-52. The above results show the determination of these soldiers to fight the Communists in the Republic of Vietnam, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

### III. THE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM

(SECOND AWARD) 1. The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) which was awarded by the Republic of Vietnam to the following unit of the United States Army is confirmed.

2. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 22 February 1968 to:

#### THE 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade

1st Signal Detachment

3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry

4th Signal Detachment

5th Aviation Detachment

5th Quartermaster Detachment

6th Signal Detachment

7th Squadron, 1st Cavalry

7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry

8th Medical Detachment

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10th Aviation Battalion

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The citation reads as follows:

The 1st Aviation Brigade, an outstanding team of professional soldiers under the command of Major General *Robert R. Williams*, has consistently shown a fighting spirit. Due to its members' collective and individual unparalleled courage and willingness to sacrifice, the brigade has been of great help to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in the counterinsurgency effort throughout the Nation's four corps areas. Though suffering many casualties and operating under extremely difficult terrain and weather conditions, units of the 1st Aviation Brigade scored glorious victories in the course of the following operations: Junction City, 22 February 1967—14 May 1967; Coronado, 31 May 1967—25 July 1967; Greeley, 16 June 1967—11 October 1967; Kien-Giang 9-1, 15 November 1967—24 November 1967; Jeb Stuart, 21 January 1968—31 March 1968; Quyet-Thang, 11 March 1968 to 17 May 1968. Notably, during the treacherous Viet Cong Tet Offensive against cities throughout the Republic, units of the 1st Aviation Brigade flew their aircraft day and night in the defense of military installations and met all air support requirements. In doing so, the Republic of Vietnam and allied forces were greatly assisted in breaking up all Viet Cong attempts at overrunning the cities and in inflicting severe casualties on the enemy forces. From 29 January 1968 to 8 February 1968, units of the 1st Aviation Brigade achieved the following results: 45,509 hours flown; 1,960 enemy killed; 2,517 enemy structures destroyed; and 521 enemy sampans sunk. With the above victories and accomplishments wholly or partly attributed to it, the 1st Aviation Brigade has made significant contributions to the anti-Communist effort in Vietnam and has enhanced the high prestige of the American fighting man.

**IV--VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. 1.** So much of paragraph 2, DA General Orders 22, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade and its attached units, as reads: "A Vietnamese unit award cannot be worn by a person upon transfer from the unit, unless the individual is specifically named in the citation," is amended to read: "Vietnamese unit awards may be worn on the

military uniform on a permanent basis by personnel who were assigned to and present for duty with the unit at any time during the period of action cited or attached by competent orders to and present for duty with the unit during the entire period or 30 consecutive days of the period of action cited. The awards may be worn on a temporary basis by all personnel who are assigned to the unit subsequent to the period of action cited. Temporary wear terminates upon reassignment from the unit."

2. So much of paragraph 3, DA General Orders 22, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade and attached units, as reads: "Republic of South Vietnam," is amended to read: "Republic of Vietnam."

3. So much of paragraph 3, DA General Orders 22, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade and attached units, as reads: "338th Avionics Detachment; 339th Avionics Detachment; 340th Avionics Detachment; 341st Avionics Detachment; 342d Avionics Detachment; 344th Avionics Detachment; 345th Avionics Detachment; 346th Avionics Detachment; 347th Avionics Detachment; 348th Avionics Detachment," is amended to read: "338th Aviation Detachment; 339th Aviation Detachment; 340th Aviation Detachment; 341st Aviation Detachment; 342d Aviation Detachment; 344th Aviation Detachment; 345th Aviation Detachment; 346th Aviation Detachment; 347th Aviation Detachment; 348th Aviation Detachment."

4. So much of DA General Orders 46, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, to United States Army units, as reads: "Vietnamese unit awards may only be worn on the uniform by personnel while assigned to the unit, unless the individual is specifically named in the citation," is amended to read: "Vietnamese unit awards may be worn on the military uniform on a permanent basis by personnel who were assigned to and present for duty with the unit at any time during the period of action cited or attached by competent orders to and present for duty with the unit during the entire period or 30 consecutive days of the period of action cited. The awards may be worn on a temporary basis by all personnel who are assigned to the unit subsequent to the period of action cited. Temporary wear terminates upon reassignment from the unit."

5. So much of paragraph 3, DA General Orders 22, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade and attached units, as reads "Republic of South Vietnam," is amended to read: "Republic of Vietnam."

6. So much of DA General Orders 46, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to United States Army units, as reads: "Republic of South Vietnam," is amended to read: "Republic of Vietnam."

7. So much of paragraph 3, DA General Orders 46, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), as reads: "1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), for the period 14 November 1965," is amended to read: "1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and its attached units, for the period 14-16 November 1965; Company A, 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry—for the period 15-16 November 1965; Company

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B, 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry—for the period 14–16 November 1965; 1st, 2d, 3d Engineer Demolition Teams, 1st Platoon, Company C, 8th Engineer Battalion—for the period 14–16 November 1965; 229th Pathfinder Team, 11th Pathfinder Company (Provisional), 11th Aviation Group—for the period 14–16 November 1965; 229th Aviation Battalion, Liaison Section—for the period 14–16 November 1965; Tactical Air Control Party, 507th Direct Air Support Squadron, United States Air Force—for the period 14–16 November 1965; Artillery Liaison Section, 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery—for the period 14–16 November 1965.”

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

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The Adjutant General.*

W. C. WESTMORELAND,  
*General, United States Army,  
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