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I. 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, 15TH MEDICAL BATTALION

COMPANY B, 15TH MEDICAL BATTALION distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations on 6 June 1967 in support of the 1st Air Cavalry Division during Operation PERSHING on the Bon Son Plains. An enemy mortar attack in the early morning hours detonated the ammunition storage area containing 1,250 tons of assorted shells, rockets, grenades and incendiaries. On-duty personnel immediately responded to the initial explosion and aroused the sleeping patients and off-duty personnel of the company. This prompt, courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of men who would not otherwise have survived the massive explosions and fires that followed. With the explosion of the entire ammunition dump imminent, and in the midst of exploding shells, fire and debris, the men of COMPANY B, 15TH MEDICAL BATTALION unhesitatingly left the safety of their bunkers to evacuate patients and unit personnel. The volume of fire and falling debris forced the evacuation parties across an open airstrip. Medics who had made their way to an area of relative safety volunteered to go back into the exploding holocaust to aid the injured, and wounded medics were pulled by their companions from collapsed bunkers and carried to cover. Personnel from the company who had reached safety returned to the company area when rounds were exploding to evacuate those who were wounded or trapped. After a treatment facility and casualty collecting point had been established, the unit's personnel shuttled casualties from the collecting point to a medical aid station. Twelve medics augmented the medical personnel of the treatment station to aid in the sorting, treatment and evacuation of casualties. The teamwork and selfless actions demonstrated by these men throughout the attack were instrumental in saving numerous lives. All patients and personnel were safely evacuated from the company area with no loss of life. The men of COMPANY B, 15TH MEDICAL 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.

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

THE 1ST BATTALION (AW) (SP), 44TH ARTILLERY and attached unit:

Battery G (.50 Caliber Machinegun), 65th Artillery

The 1ST BATTALION (AW) (SP), 44TH ARTILLERY and the attached unit distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam from 24 January 1968 to 16 February 1968. During this period the battalion provided ground fire support to the 3d Marine Division, Task Force Xray and the 1st Marine Division in all major combat operations in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces, including the fierce battle for Hue during the Communist Tet Offensive. The men demonstrated outstanding courage and determination as they valiantly performed their mission in the face of numerically superior enemy forces. Throughout enemy ground attacks and ambushes supported by artillery, rocket and mortar fire, the 1ST BATTALION (AW) (SP), 44TH ARTILLERY consistently demonstrated exceptional gallantry, the highest caliber of military professionalism and superb fighting spirit. Though deployed over a vast area and engaged in a number of fierce combat actions with North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces, the men of the unit fought with determination, displaying unparalleled courage and esprit de corps. In the historic and prolonged battle for the city of Hue, the unit personnel were a vital force in repelling the entrenched and determined enemy, distinguishing themselves by their tenacity and exemplary courage. The men of the 1ST BATTALION (AW) (SP), 44TH ARTILLERY 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.

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

THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION)

The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations involving conflict with a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 31 January 1968. In the early morning hours, a Viet Cong force estimated to be in excess of 130 men assaulted the northwestern sector of the Can Tho Army Airfield in an attempt to overrun it, inflict heavy casualties on American personnel, destroy the petroleum storage area and inflict extensive damage to aircraft. Armed with automatic weapons, grenades, machine guns, rockets and mortars, the enemy approached to within ten meters of the friendly positions before launching a ferocious attack on the personnel defending the airfield. Initiating the attack with an overwhelming volley of hand grenades, the Viet Cong poured a devastating volume of fire into the friendly forces. The men of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) reacted to the sudden attack swiftly and disrupted the momentum of the enemy with fierce counterfire. During the next

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three hours, the personnel of the company, displaying a total lack of regard for their personal safety and braving a devastating enemy barrage, blocked and repelled the enemy from the airfield. The fearless actions of the company were singularly responsible for the prevention of massive destruction of equipment and loss of life. The heroic actions of the men of the company not only saved the airfield, but is credited with thwarting a determined attack on the city of Can Tho. The men of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) 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.

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

THE 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE) (LIGHT) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 199th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (Light)

2d Battalion, 3d Infantry

3d Battalion, 7th Infantry

4th Battalion, 12th Infantry

2d Battalion, 40th Artillery

7th Support Battalion

87th Engineer Company

Troop D, 17th Cavalry

Troop A, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry

40th Public Information Detachment

44th Military History Detachment

49th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)

Company F, 51st Infantry (LRP)

71st Infantry Detachment (LRP)

11th Combat Tracker Team (Prov) (redesignated and reorganized as the 76th Infantry Detachment)

179th Military Intelligence Detachment

152d Military Police Platoon

298th Signal Platoon

503d Chemical Detachment

856th Radio Research Detachment

The 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE) (LIGHT) and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period 31 January to 19 February 1968 in support of Saigon and Long Binh Post during the TET Offensive. In the early morning hours on 31 January, insurgent forces launched savage attacks against Long Binh by firing rockets at II Field Force Vietnam and Bien Hoa Air Base. Brigade artillery promptly and effectively reacted to the attack, destroying two rocket bases and silencing the rest with a voluminous barrage. Thwarted in this aspect of their attempt, the Viet Cong then initiated well-organized and determined attacks upon Long Binh and the base camp of the brigade. In response clerks, cooks, mechanics and other support troops of the 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE) (LIGHT) manned the unit's perimeter while maneuver elements aggressively engaged and pursued enemy

forces. During the fighting at Long Binh, the brigade's firepower and indomitable spirit were instrumental in depriving concentrated enemy forces of progression into the city of Saigon. The resourcefulness and tactical expertise of unit commanders enabled units to retain constant contact with the insurgents and inflict numerous casualties which totally demoralized the enemy and destroyed his initiative. The men of the 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE) (LIGHT) 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.

5. 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 Army of the Republic of South Vietnam for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the periods indicated: The citations read as follows:

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

THE 32D RANGER BATTALION, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

THE 32D RANGER BATTALION, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations against the Viet Cong insurgents on 3 May 1967. Shortly after being airlifted into an area which intelligence reports indicated was infested with Viet Cong, the unit encountered sporadic sniper fire and responded aggressively, killing several of the enemy and capturing their weapons. As the battalion continued toward its primary objective, the lead element, having swum a canal, came under intense automatic weapons fire as the remainder of the unit was crossing the canal. Helicopter gunships and artillery were called in to silence the enemy automatic weapons positions, which were so well-fortified that only minimal success was gained. During the air and artillery strikes, the 32D RANGER BATTALION conducted unit probes against the enemy's front and flanks to mark weapons positions and troop displacements. Realizing that the supporting fires had only a marginal effect on the enemy, the battalion commander ordered a frontal ground assault. Rallying to the sound of the bugle charge, the commanders leading the assault were followed by an unwavering line of rangers through a sheet of automatic weapons fire. Swarming over the startled insurgents and in fierce hand to hand combat, they virtually annihilated two Viet Cong companies. By their aggressive and courageous actions, the members of this unit made a significant contribution to the Free World counter-insurgency effort. The men of the 32D RANGER 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 their country.

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

THE 41ST RANGER BATTALION, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

The 41ST RANGER BATTALION, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in

defensive operations on 29 October 1967. Initially deployed to engage and destroy enemy forces, the unit encountered only token hostile resistance by snipers throughout the day before establishing its night defensive camp perimeter. Shortly after this was accomplished, outposts received enemy fire and alerted the main body of the battalion to the insurgents disposition. With exemplary proficiency and aggressiveness, the 41ST RANGER BATTALION met and repulsed the onslaught, forcing the insurgents to retreat and muster a larger combat force. Supporting their subsequent attack with mortar, rocket and machinegun fire, the enemy charged the camp with extreme ferocity and significantly increased manpower. The unit responded with vicious, unhesitating fire and engaged the incoming wave of men at close quarters with bayonets and small arms. The battalion's unsurpassed valor and tenacity, combined with friendly fire support, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind numerous dead, tactical equipment and materiel. The men of the 41ST RANGER 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 Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

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

THE POPULAR FORCE PLATOON 132, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

The POPULAR FORCE PLATOON 132, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (further designated the Combined Action Platoon L-5 by the III Marine Amphibious Force) distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in offensive military operations on 3 and 25 January 1968 and in a ready reaction operation on 8 January 1968. When informed by members of the local populace that a Viet Cong force had occupied their village the previous night, the platoon set up six three-man ambush positions on the western edge of the village and then the remainder of the force charged the village from the east. This ingenious maneuver completely disorganized the insurgents, catching them in a murderous crossfire which resulted in thirty-four dead and eleven captured Viet Cong. As the POPULAR FORCE PLATOON 132 was preparing to occupy defensive positions in Phuoc Thuan the night of 8 January 1968, a heavy volume of sniper fire raked the village. A friendly night patrol was in the process of moving out when the firing commenced; 81mm mortars were requested from a nearby American Division unit to confuse the insurgents, and the patrol reinforced by another squad, dispatched into the night. The enemy, unable to cope with the quickness of the friendly reaction, was thrown off balance, suffering voluminous losses of men and materiel. In the final encounter on 25 January 1968, the platoon attempted to use blocking tactics to neutralize An Cuong, a village which local intelligence described as being infested with Viet Cong. As the friendly forces moved toward the village, the Viet Cong opened up with small arms and automatic weapons fire. Displaying courage seldom evidenced in any fighting force, the platoon rose and charged the village in a frontal assault, unnerving the enemy soldiers to the extent that they ceased firing and fled. Refusing to break contact, the platoon hounded the insurgents into the hills, inflicting catastrophic personnel and logistical losses on them. The men of the POPULAR FORCE PLATOON 132 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 Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

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

THE 703D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

The 703D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in defensive military operations on 9 September 1967. During the early morning hours of 9 September while occupying its defensive positions protecting the Ba Ren Bridge on Highway 1, the unit was savagely attacked by a Viet Cong element of undetermined size. Beginning with a massive mortar barrage, the insurgents followed with a ground assault during which they penetrated the company's defensive perimeter adjacent to the bridge. Despite the proximity of the savage enemy onslaught, the 703D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY gallantly held its ground throughout the two and one-half hour battle and inflicted numerous casualties, forcing the enemy to leave behind its dead in fleeing the devastating fire. Because of the unit's courageous and unrelenting efforts against a numerically superior force, the Ba Ren Bridge has remained under friendly control with the enemy sustaining catastrophic losses in attempting to capture it. The men of the 703D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY 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 Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

II. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, 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 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 during the period 1 April 1967 to 30 September 1967. Supporting ten locations simultaneously, the battalion continuously demonstrated its ability to respond quickly and efficiently to all situations and its capability to provide outstanding medical support on short notice. Among its noteworthy accomplishments were the outstanding contributions made in support of the highly effective revolutionary development program conducted by the 1st Infantry Division. The medical and dental support provided by the 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION materially improved the pacification program and were contributing factors in furthering the Chieu Hoi Program. During Operation MANHATTAN, 8,225 pounds of medical supplies were shipped in support of the 1st Infantry Division and its attached units. Considering that this was accomplished entirely by an abbreviated radio supply request and aerial resupply, the magnitude of the performance takes on even greater significance. The battalion's ability to react on all operations provided the highest level of continual medical support and, as a result, the

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casualty mortality rate for its assigned units has been exceptionally low. The men of the unit consistently made a maximum participation in division projects in support of troop welfare, savings bond programs and civic action operations. Throughout this period, the battalion repeatedly performed its missions under extremely adverse, highly dangerous conditions and its superb performance contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST MEDICAL 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.

2. THE 1ST MILITARY POLICE COMPANY.

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST MILITARY POLICE COMPANY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 July 1967 to 31 January 1968. During this period, the members of this unit rendered extraordinary military police support to the 1st Infantry Division. Through hard work and self-sacrifice, the company established and maintained operations in all of the division's areas of operations. Exposed to hostile fire and adverse conditions of weather and terrain, the men of the 1ST MILITARY POLICE COMPANY consistently displayed exemplary fortitude and enthusiasm in performing their multitudinous task efficiently and expeditiously. Through aggressive determination in the employment of their professional skill, the company personnel made significant contributions to the ability of the 1st Infantry Division to consistently inflict decisive defeats on the insurgents. Sparing no effort, the company overcame numerous obstacles to accomplish every assigned mission in an outstanding manner. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST MILITARY POLICE COMPANY 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 HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY.

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 March 1966 to 31 December 1967. As the United States artillery headquarters for the III Corps Tactical Zone, the unit brilliantly dispatched the prodigious responsibility of effectively employing two group headquarters, nine field artillery battalions and one automatic weapons battalion. Consistently striving to improve the effectiveness of artillery support, the battery established the first meteorological quality control section in-country and introduced a comprehensive survey program which extended its control to all major United States base camps, fire support bases and Vietnamese units. By collecting combat intelligence and incorporating the input from its own visual reconnaissance program, the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY developed a sophisticated, highly effective harassment and interdiction program which has literally nullified aggressive activity in their area of operations. Realizing the significant contributions that Vietnamese artillery could produce, the command implemented

a flexible program of assistance and training which immeasurably enhanced domestic effectiveness. Further, the element created a highly efficient procedure for aircraft protection by introducing warning control centers, an action that has been instrumental in reducing the friendly aircraft accident rate. By tenacity, resourcefulness and extraordinary diligence, the unit has immeasurably advanced the prosecution 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 BATTERY, II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

4. THE 2D SURGICAL HOSPITAL (MOBILE ARMY) and attached unit:

48th Medical Detachment (KA)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 2D SURGICAL HOSPITAL (MOBILE ARMY) and the attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 July 1967 to 29 February 1968. Although the hospital was initially assigned to provide medical support to Task Force Oregon, it soon became apparent that the operation would be much larger than originally anticipated. The rapid increase of support units was soon followed by the reactivation of the famous Americal Division, but the hospital remained as the only Army medical treatment facility in the I Corps Tactical Zone. During this period, 5,866 patients were admitted to the hospital and 2,016 major and 1,555 minor operations were performed. The hospital processed as many as 110 casualties in a twenty-four hour period, which vividly illustrates the exceptional quality of the medical services provided. In November of 1967, an operating team of the 2D SURGICAL HOSPITAL (MOBILE ARMY) demonstrated extreme courage by removing a live M79 grenade from an American soldier's leg, the first operation of this kind for an Army hospital in the Republic of Vietnam. Despite following a twelve hour per day, seven day per week work schedule, personnel of the hospital initiated an ambitious self-help construction program designed to improve the existing facility and provide an improved medical environment. Always concerned with the welfare of the war-ravaged Vietnamese Nationals, the hospital treated a total of 515 Vietnamese civilian casualties. The superb medical support rendered throughout the I Corps Tactical Zone significantly enhanced the esprit of the combat troops and contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 2D SURGICAL HOSPITAL (MOBILE ARMY) 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.

5. THE 3D ORDNANCE BATTALION (AMMUNITION) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Ordnance Battalion (Ammunition)

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54th Ordnance Company
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 576th Ordnance Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 3D ORDNANCE BATTALION (AMMO) and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 31 October 1965 to 31 December 1967. Upon arrival in-country, the unit was deployed to its present location at Long Binh Post where it immediately overcame the most adverse conditions of weather, terrain and comfort in developing an exemplary ammunition supply center that has rendered unparalleled service to major operations throughout the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones. Faced with the dual task of constructing living quarters in a densely jungled area and establishing operations in the shortest possible period of time, the men of the unit applied their maximum efforts and successfully began issuing ammunition within two weeks of their arrival. Continually improving its facilities through effective coordination and limitless productivity, the unit increased its capacity for handling ammunition to a present capability of over one hundred thousand tons. The 3D ORDNANCE BATTALION (AMMO) established a comprehensive schooling program which was responsible for the training of nearly five thousand men in the handling of enemy explosives and demolitions. Through diligence and enthusiasm, the men of the unit have formed the battalion into a model for all units of its type in the republic. In addition to its regular tasks, the unit has developed and maintained a highly successful civic action program which has served to greatly enhance relationships between local civilians and the United States military forces. The superb support rendered by the men of the battalion have contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency efforts of the Free World Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 3D ORDNANCE BATTALION (AMMO) 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.

6. THE 1ST BATTALION, 5TH ARTILLERY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY and attached unit:

Heavy Mortar Platoon, 1st Battalion, 26th Artillery

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST BATTALION, 5TH ARTILLERY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY and the attached unit, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 August 1966 to 30 April 1967. Despite the problems inherent in conducting operations in Vietnam, the unit provided excellent artillery support to the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. During Operation AMARILLO, a search and destroy mission, two of the unit's batteries conducted the first known night convoy operation over unsecured roads to resupply their firing positions. When maneuver elements engaged the hard core Viet Cong Phu Loi Battalion, the unit fired over 4,500 rounds in only six hours which prevented the insurgents from overrunning a trapped friendly squad. Assigned the task of furnishing artillery support to infantry and armored units clearing the Minh Thanh road, the 1ST BATTALION, 5TH ARTILLERY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

ARTILLERY fired VT fuzed ammunition over the advancing friendly armor elements, the first time this technique had been utilized within the 1st Infantry Division. This particular type of firing saved numerous allied lives and was made possible only because the unit is highly coordinated, extremely mobile and capable of pinpoint accuracy. Through enthusiasm, indomitable courage, ingenuity and willingness to work long hours, the officers and men of the battalion provided infantry elements with unprecedented artillery support. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST BATTALION, 5TH ARTILLERY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION 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.

7. THE 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (1 November 66 to 31 January 68)

Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)	} (1 November 66 to 31 January 68)
Company B, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)	
Company C, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)	
Company D, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)	

Signal Company, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

21st Military History Detachment (for period 22 April 1967 to 31 January 1968)

251st Signal Detachment (for period 27 May 1967 to 31 January 1968)

487th Signal Detachment (for period 27 May 1967 to 31 January 1968)

540th Signal Detachment (for period 24 May 1967 to 31 January 1968)

522d Signal Detachment (for period 25 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

585th Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

588th Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

613th Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

629th Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

630th Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

631st Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

633d Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

634th Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

641st Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

703d Military Intelligence Detachment (for period 30 June 1967 to 31 January 1968)

403d Radio Research Special Operations Detachment (Airborne)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)

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9. THE 9TH SIGNAL BATTALION and assigned units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Signal Battalion
- Company A, 9th Signal Battalion (for period 10 January 1967 to 18 December 1967)
- Company B, 9th Signal Battalion (for period 10 January 1967 to 18 December 1967)
- Company C, 9th Signal Battalion

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 9TH SIGNAL BATTALION and assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 19 December 1966 to 18 December 1967. Since its arrival in-country, the battalion has functioned as a veteran unit in successfully accomplishing its mission of providing tactical signal support to the various assigned and attached units of the 9th Infantry Division and other allied forces. Always striving to provide the finest in communications support, the battalion made maximum use of its equipment and initiated new procedures whenever and wherever necessary. Encountering new and unique problems with every turn of the constantly changing tactical situation, the officers and men of the 9TH SIGNAL BATTALION displayed ingenuity in providing all supported units with communications systems which were efficient and reliable. Through indomitable courage and intense dedication, the men of the battalion furnished field commanders with the communication facilities necessary to provide effective command and control for operations throughout the Viet Cong infested Mekong Delta. In developing a highly flexible communications network for the Mobile Riverine Force and its floating artillery batteries, the battalion proved that it was second to none in the sound application of principles of leadership and technical knowledge. The battalion pioneered the way in the field of communications and helped make possible the most mobile and effectively controlled fighting force in the world. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 9TH SIGNAL 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.

10. THE 12TH AVIATION GROUP and its assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12th Aviation Group
- Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion
- 12th Aviation Company (Airmobile)
- 1st Signal Detachment
- 4th Signal Detachment
- 21st Aviation Company
- 25th Medical Detachment
- 26th Signal Detachment
- 54th Aviation Company
- 68th Aviation Company
- 73d Aviation Company
- 74th Aviation Company
- 85th Medical Detachment
- 87th Quartermaster Detachment
- 116th Aviation Company
- 118th Aviation Company WOODPS
- 145th Security Detachment

147th Aviation Company
162d Aviation Company
166th Transportation Detachment
171st Transportation Detachment
173d Aviation Company
184th Signal Detachment
187th Aviation Company
188th Aviation Company
191st Aviation Company
198th Signal Detachment
200th Aviation Company
205th Aviation Company
213th Aviation Company
214th Aviation Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company
222d Aviation Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company
234th Signal Detachment
243d Signal Detachment
255th Transportation Detachment
269th Aviation Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company
282d Signal Detachment
283d Signal Detachment
285th Signal Detachment
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For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: THE 12TH AVIATION GROUP and its assigned and attached units, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1967 to 31 December 1967. Since its inception in 1965, the group's six combat aviation battalions and one air cavalry squadron set new highs in flying hours (498,899), troops lifted (2,066,294) and tons of cargo carried (282,386). In conducting their extremely essential mission, units of the group ranged the length and breadth of the Republic, participating in 105 United States and Free World Military Assistance Forces and 412 Army of the Republic of Vietnam operations. To keep abreast of the demands of an ever changing tactical situation, the 12TH AVIATION GROUP tested new equipment and integrated feasible concepts into its inventory, thus refining the tactics and techniques of airmobile operations. By initiating a survival/escape and evasion program, the group provided aircrews with training essential to surviving in a hostile environment. The overall superb aviation support rendered by this unit has significantly enhanced counterinsurgency aims in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 12TH AVIATION 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.

11. THE 6TH BATTALION, 14TH ARTILLERY and attached unit:
 Battery A, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 6TH BATTALION, 14TH ARTILLERY and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 27 November 1965 to 10 November 1967. The rapid and highly professional manner in which the unit employed its resources and carried out its combat support mission upon arrival in Vietnam was characteristic of the outstanding enthusiasm and initiative consistently displayed throughout this period. Supporting fifteen major operations, the battalion fired in excess of 10,000 tons of explosives from its guns, killing 348 insurgents and destroying hundreds of enemy bunkers, emplacements and weapons. Often under hostile fire, the men of the 6TH BATTALION, 14TH ARTILLERY displayed outstanding spirit and pride of mission accomplishment that enabled them to overcome operational obstacles and deliver maximum artillery support to ground forces. The determination, courage and fortitude demonstrated by members of the battalion in carrying out their combat missions contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency efforts of the Free World Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 6TH BATTALION, 14TH 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.

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and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the stated periods. In effectively dispatching a mission of unprecedented scope, this unit displayed an extremely volatile counterinsurgency environment. The command was instrumental in preparing Regional Forces/Popular Forces elements for the assumption of a dominant role in the conflict. Through the effort of the 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), more than forty thousand Vietnamese troops were trained, equipped and deployed to the field. The unit's supervision of its counterpart elements resulted in the domestic soldier becoming a meaningful figure in defensive and offensive operations against heavily armed and elusive enemy forces. In addition, the group conducted innumerable projects in its aggressive Civic Action Program designed to better the welfare of the populace throughout the theater. By tenacity and resourcefulness, it immeasurably furthered all aspects of the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE) 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 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE).

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION distinguished itself in the support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 September 1966 to 31 August 1967. Excelling in both traditional engineer missions and in the new concepts of airmobile tasks, the men of this unit rendered unparalleled combat support to the maneuver elements of the division on a vast number of operations throughout the Republic of Vietnam. Working under extreme conditions of adverse weather, severe terrain and frequent enemy harassment, the battalion constructed numerous bridges, improved countless kilometers of roadway and built or upgraded 14 airfields. Mine sweeping, demolition work and destruction of fortified hamlets were among recurring missions which these men carried out with marked professionalism. The members of the 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION vigorously applied and advanced relatively new and varied airmobile concepts with consummate efficiency. In one instance, divisional aircraft were effectively used to transport and emplace materials so that a vital bridge was rebuilt in minimum time. In addition to combat support, the men of the battalion conducted and maintained a comprehensive and lastingly successful civic action program that included such projects as preparing refugee areas and constructing communal facilities. This work not only improved the living conditions of the local populace, but it also engendered rapport between local civilian personnel and the Free World Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. The tenacity and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST AIR CAVALRY 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.

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12. THE 14TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY).

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 14TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 18 October 1966 to 18 July 1967. Shortly after its arrival in-country, the battalion successfully completed the Phase II construction portion of the 4,000 man replacement center on Cam Ranh Peninsula (North), despite operating with just fifteen percent of its authorized equipment. Although major vertical construction projects are not normally assigned to combat engineers, the unit, through superb planning and maximum utilization of limited resources, accomplished this task in only one month. When called upon on short notice to provide combat engineer support for Operation GATLING, a search and destroy mission of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, the inspired engineers reacted swiftly in repairing the airstrip at Bao Luc, allowing the operation to continue as scheduled. In another similar maneuver, Operation SUMMERALL, the 14TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) constructed forty-eight kilometers of road and upgraded over sixty miles of QL21, including the construction of three timber trestle bridges. The accomplishment of these two tasks, under the imminent threat of hostile attack, was a definite factor in the extraordinary success of this operation. Despite the extremely heavy workload placed on the battalion, its men found time to help the underprivileged local populace. An overview of the civic action projects they completed includes: medical care for the Vietnamese children at the Tan Binh Orphanage, construction and medical assistance for the people at the Bai Gieng Refugee Center and the distribution of food and clothing to needy indigenous people throughout the battalion's area of operation. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 14TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) (ARMY) 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.

13. THE 14TH INVENTORY CONTROL CENTER.

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 14TH INVENTORY CONTROL CENTER distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 October 1966 to 31 March 1968. By exemplary diligence and extreme tenacity, the unit established a precedent in modern military logistics by organizing, deploying and operating the first automatic centralized inventory management activity in a combat environment. It continually provided supported commands with current and complete status reports on availability, transactions, demand data and related information for the efficient conduct of logistical planning and operations. The dedication and keen sense of mission urgency exhibited by the members of the 14TH INVENTORY CONTROL CENTER have been instrumental in the unit's ability to furnish supply essentials to all echelons of tactical command. Overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles imposed by intense hostile activity and the rapid dispersal of stocks, they retained meticulous control over all commodities, a factor which was invaluable in the economic utilization of all assets. Because of their tireless efforts, logistical responsiveness throughout the theater has been maintained at an optimum level. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 14TH INVENTORY CONTROL

CENTER are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

14. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 20TH ENGINEER BRIGADE.

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 20TH ENGINEER BRIGADE distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 August 1967 to 31 January 1968. This unit provided outstanding contributions to the war effort by upgrading lines of communication, facilitating traffic flow and denying areas to the enemy in the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones. Working under extremely adverse conditions, the company provided command control for numerous separate elements engaged in massive land clearing and construction projects over a wide territory while concurrently supporting highly diverse units. Displaying exemplary enthusiasm and endurance, the men of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 20TH ENGINEER BRIGADE ensured that all projects assigned were completed efficiently and expeditiously. In the performance of its dual mission of construction and combat support, the unit distinguished itself by its extraordinary planning, meticulous attention to detail, responsiveness to an ever-changing situation and ability to carry out its mission despite extreme hardships. The performance of the men in all phases of their mission during this period was unparalleled and provided a significant contribution to the counterinsurgency efforts of the Free World Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 20TH ENGINEER 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.

15. THE 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SEMIMOBILE) (for period 9 January 1967 to 25 February 1968) and its attached units:

45th Medical Detachment (KB Team) (Orthopedic) (for period 23 August 1967 to 25 February 1968)

104th Medical Detachment (KD Team) (Maxillofacial) (for period 23 August 1967 to 25 February 1968)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SEMIMOBILE), and its attached units, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Alerted for deployment in January 1966, the hospital became operational in Vietnam in less than one year, providing hospitalization for all classes of patients within the combat zone. During this period, the hospital has recorded a total of 9,010 admissions and has returned 3,782 persons to duty, demonstrating the highest standards of professional competence. The most noteworthy example of the outstanding degree of professional skill displayed by the 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SEMIMOBILE) was its selection by six United States Army Vietnam surgical consultants as the site in which to establish the services of neurosurgery, orthopedics, maxillofacial, ophthalmology, otolaryngology and oral surgery. While maintaining outstanding medical techniques for the combat soldier, the hospital personnel gave their available time to contribute their professional knowledge

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16. THE 1ST BATTALION, 30TH ARTILLERY and its assigned units:

Battery A, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 1ST BATTALION, 30TH ARTILLERY and its assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 October 1966 to 30 September 1967. Working under the operational control of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), the battalion succeeded in becoming one of the most effective medium artillery units in Vietnam. On numerous occasions, the battalion provided supported units with the highly accurate fire that enabled them to defeat the insurgent forces. Combining the deadly accuracy and devastating power of medium artillery with the maneuverability and agility of light artillery, the unit was instrumental in the success of Operation PAUL REVERE IV. When a company of 1st Cavalry Division forces found themselves trapped in an ambush along the Cambodian border, Battery C responded to a request for support by placing accurate, voluminous fires that prevented certain annihilation of the ambushed company. The devastating fire routed the enemy, forcing them to leave behind eighty-one dead. During Operation PERSHING, the three organic batteries of the 1ST BATTALION, 30TH ARTILLERY combined their firepower to deliver unparalleled support to the "Sky Troopers". Throughout the operation, the batteries were required to displace a number of times. Acting quickly and efficiently during all movements, the unit never ceased in providing the extremely responsive and destructive fires which marked the battalion's performance. Congizant of their responsibilities to the people of Vietnam, the unit continued to offer medical care, dental care and training in hygiene to the local population. During the cited period, the battalion gave medical and dental assistance to more than six thousand Vietnamese nationals. By its exemplary courage, indomitable spirit and unequaled adaptability, the unit contributed immeasurably to the counter insurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 1ST BATTALION, 30TH ARTILLERY are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

17. THE 34TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th General Support Group

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Transportation Battalion

30th Transportation Company

56th Transportation Company
 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 58th Transportation
 Battalion
 79th Transportation Company
 110th Transportation Company
 241st Transportation Company
 335th Transportation Company
 339th Transportation Company
 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 520th Transportation
 Battalion
 540th Transportation Company
 604th Transportation Company
 610th Transportation Company
 605th Transportation Company
 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 765th Transportation
 Battalion
 388th Transportation Company
 611th Transportation Company
 Aviation Support Detachment
 2d Signal Detachment
 3d CS Detachment (FA & FB Teams)
 8th Signal Detachment
 19th Signal Detachment
 59th Signal Depot Company
 128th Signal Depot Company
 69th Signal Detachment
 143d Signal Detachment
 203d Signal Detachment
 241st Signal Detachment
 250th Signal Detachment
 260th Signal Detachment
 344th Signal Detachment
 255th Signal Detachment
 258th Signal Detachment
 342d Signal Detachment
 335th Signal Detachment
 458th Signal Detachment
 581st Data Processing Detachment (Team FA)
 589th Data Processing Detachment (Team FB)

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 34TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) and its assigned and attached units, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 November 1966 to 31 October 1967. Assuming the responsibility for providing command and control for the constantly expanding aircraft maintenance and supply program, the group worked on a twenty-four hour basis to ensure that steadily increasing aviation requirements were satisfied. The high degree of operational capability attained by specialized high priority units such as the 224th Aviation Battalion is directly attributable to the professional logistical and maintenance support rendered by the 34TH

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GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY). To counteract the increasing battle worn status of Army aircraft caused by increased flying time, a Depot Exchange Program was devised and implemented which enabled aviation units to improve their combat capabilities by providing them with renovated aircraft on a direct exchange basis. When the rapidly increasing aviation buildup created a severe shortage of maintenance personnel, the command section of the group alleviated this problem by contracting for highly skilled civilian labor to augment available military manpower. In addition, the group developed the Technical Assistance Program to combat difficulties involved with the introduction of numerous old and new types of aircraft. The overall superb aviation support rendered by the group's personnel was a contributing factor in the success of numerous aircraft units. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 34TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP (AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY) 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.

18. THE 46TH ENGINEER BATTALION.

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 46TH ENGINEER BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 May 1967 to 31 October 1967. During the majority of this period, the battalion was confronted with the difficulties involved in attempting to increase production at the height of the torrential monsoon season. A total of 72.81 inches of precipitation was recorded, but by using its resourcefulness, ingenuity and flexibility, the battalion was able to increase its total production despite a catastrophic loss of 4,581 project hours due to inclement weather. Working in close coordination with civilian contractors, the United States Army Vietnam Engineer Staff and other engineer units, the 46TH ENGINEER BATTALION accomplished immense feats of construction in facilitating the move of the Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam to Long Binh Post. The battalion was responsible for a good deal of the vertical construction which encompassed the move, constructing, or aiding in the construction of, innumerable buildings including: accommodations for senior officers, a permanent command mess complete with dining rooms, bar, kitchen and storage and scullery areas; and basic facilities for enlisted personnel consisting of latrines, showers, billets and mess halls. To alleviate the traffic problems caused by the single lane Fish-market Bridge in Saigon, the unit, on extremely short notice, perfected an intricate plan to widen the bridge. Working entirely after daylight hours so that the heavy day traffic would not be impeded, the battalion completed this structure in just five nights, thereby eliminating a serious traffic bottleneck. The overall performance of this commendable engineer unit was characterized by efficient planning, skillful production, unique flexibility and ready responsiveness. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 46TH ENGINEER 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.

19. THE 84TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and attached units:

73d Engineer Company
518th Engineer Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 84TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1966 to 31 October 1967. Throughout the period of this award, the battalion accomplished an almost unbelievable number of construction projects in support of the Free World Military Assistance Forces. Imbued with resolute determination and a wealth of professional abilities, the battalion successfully completed a number of important assignments including: construction of a pontoon pier and the first ramps in the Qui Nhon harbor, refrigerated warehouse facilities in Qui Nhon and Phu Tai, storm sewers in Qui Nhon, access roads for the port of Qui Nhon, an automatic data processing facility and a large evacuation hospital. In addition to this, the 84TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) manned an important security outpost which overlooks several strategic military targets in the Qui Nhon area. On several separate occasions, members of the unit displayed unique gallantry not often viewed in this type of a unit. To meet the challenge imposed by stringent deadline dates, the personnel of the battalion often worked twenty-four hours a day over extended periods of time. Throughout the construction season and into the monsoons, they overcame the severe tropical climate, unyielding terrain and hostile insurgents to complete every assigned project in a superb manner. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 84TH 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.

20. THE 92D ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION).

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 92D ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 April 1967 to 5 December 1967. The exacting, thorough plans devised by personnel of the battalion prior to deploying overseas enabled the unit to undertake major construction projects literally within hours after arriving in-country. During a six month period the battalion hauled 543,316 cubic yards of cut and fill, placed over 5,600 cubic yards of concrete, and prefabricated almost 175,000 square feet of buildings during the rapid development of the Long Binh logistical complex. By giving technical advice and providing minimum essential requirements to requesting units, the 92D ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) made a significant contribution to the self-help construction program in the Long Binh area. Despite the heavy commitment of the battalion to the numerous assigned projects, its personnel donated their free hours to fostering a warm rapport with the local populace. Medical care was provided to the village of Cao Thai on a continual basis, the girls' dormitory at the Nu Tu Daminh Convent in Honai was rehabilitated, and a large sanitary fill trench and access road was constructed for the city of Bien Hoa. By completing an extensive number of important construction projects in a short period of time, the men of the battalion contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency effort of the Free World Military Assistance Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 92D ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and

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21. THE 103D ENGINEER COMPANY (CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT).

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 103D ENGINEER COMPANY (CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 7 February 1966 to 31 October 1967. Assuming the multifaceted mission of supporting the quarry and road paving efforts of an engineer construction group, the company developed a hot mix asphalt plant at Long Binh Post and set up a huge quarry in the Vung Tau area. The technical innovations created by the unit for the asphalt plant averted numerous potential work stoppage due to a lack of available material. By constructing the plant piping system in a manner which enabled the isolation and cut off of integral parts, the unit facilitated expeditious maintenance and repair procedures. Indicative of the professional maintenance program pursued by the 103D ENGINEER COMPANY (CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT) is the fact that since its inception in the summer of 1966, the asphalt plant has operated almost continuously with no major bottlenecks in the production schedule. Undertaking the prodigious task of developing a quarry and rock crushing site at Vung Tau, the company's quarry platoon conducted an extensive study of the existing terrain, eventually choosing a site for the quarry which proved to be one of the best in Vietnam. In establishing a warm rapport with the local Vietnamese, the company hauled over three hundred loads of laterite to the Tan Mai Refugee Resettlement Project, supplied dump trucks to deliver aggregate to a school building of a parish in Tam Hiep and developed an asphalt training program lesson plan for instructing Vietnamese Nationals in this important phase of construction. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 103D ENGINEER COMPANY (CONSTRUCTION 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.

22. THE 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate)

- 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne)
- 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne)
- 3d Battalion, 319th Artillery (Airborne)
- 4th Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne)
- 173d Support Battalion (Airborne)
- 335th Airmobile Company (Formerly Company A, 82d Aviation Battalion)
- Troop E, 17th Cavalry
- 51st Chemical Detachment
- Company D, 16th Armor
- 172d Military Intelligence Detachment
- 173d Engineer Company
- 234th Signal Detachment
- Company A (Administration)

166th Transportation Detachment
 25th Medical Detachment
 404th Radio Research Unit
 39th Infantry Platoon
 24th Military History Detachment
 45th Postal Unit
 12th AA Platoon

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE) and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in the conduct of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 5 May 1965 to 4 May 1967. As the first ground combat unit in-country, the brigade conducted extensive combat maneuvers in the Bien Hoa area and in the Viet Cong strongholds of War Zone D and the Iron Triangle. In every confrontation with the stubborn insurgents, the 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE) displayed marked aggressiveness which enabled them to neutralize enemy strongholds and capture thousands of logistical items. In addition to remarkable skill and tenacity in combat, the sky soldiers of the brigade carried on an extensive civic action program characterized by sincere compassion for the suppressed local populace. During each of the brigade's combat operations, the sky soldiers immeasurably aided the allied counterinsurgency effort by winning the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese people. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE) 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.

23. THE 362D ENGINEER COMPANY (LIGHT EQUIPMENT).

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 362D ENGINEER COMPANY (LIGHT EQUIPMENT) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1967 to 31 August 1967. Working under the disadvantage of a widely dispersed organization, with elements of the company located at three different locations, the unit made substantial contributions to the development of base camps, the construction of laterite foundations and the construction and improvement of airfields throughout the III Corps Tactical Zone. Assigned the difficult task of establishing a rock quarry and rock crusher at remote Nui Ba Den, the company overcame the hazards involved in living at the quarry and being subjected to fierce insurgent aggression to set up an operation which facilitated construction projects in the area of Cu Chi, Tay Ninh and Dau Tieng. During Operation JUNCTION CITY, the 362D ENGINEER COMPANY (LIGHT EQUIPMENT) utilized its large assortment of available equipment to clear jungle areas, construct and maintain roads, build staging areas for rotary wing aircraft and generally improve the important Trai Bi forward support area. This operation was an excellent example of the valuable contributions an engineer company can make in direct support of a military maneuver. When seven of its bulldozers were damaged by enemy mines, recoilless rifles and RPG-2 weapons while clearing the Filhol Plantation near Cu Chi, the unit showed versatility and self-sufficiency by repairing the machines quickly so that operations could be continued. The officers and men of the company have continually embellished themselves by their ability to accom-

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24. THE 394TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION, (TERMINAL) and attached units:

71st Transportation Company
387th Transportation Company
168th Transportation Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 394TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 April 1967 to 30 September 1967. During this period, the officers and men of the battalion displayed unparalleled dedication, courage and skill in expeditiously completing their vital and highly versatile mission in an exemplary manner. Working under extremely adverse conditions, the battalion rendered unfailing support to Operations OREGON, MARION, GREELY and PERSHING. The skill and tenacity necessary to provide vitally needed supplies and equipment to combat troops for an expanded war effort were achieved by the tireless and professional efforts of these men. Total tonnage for cargo moved during the period exceeded 525,000 short tons. While engaged in the crucial mission of discharging needed supplies and equipment, the 394TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (TERMINAL) also provided direct combat support operations in support of United States, South Vietnamese and Republic of Korea Forces. In addition to the attached military terminal personnel, the unit was responsible for the direction and management of local national and third country personnel utilized on the pier and produced outstanding results for cargo handled. In the performance of these roles, the officers and men of the battalion displayed determination, perseverance, resourcefulness and a high state of discipline which contributed immeasurably to the counterinsurgency efforts of the Free World Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 394TH 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.

25. THE 498TH MEDICAL COMPANY (AIR AMBULANCE).

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 498TH MEDICAL COMPANY (AIR AMBULANCE) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 20 September 1965 to 31 August 1967. Exhibiting consummate technical expertise and uncommon perseverance, the unit provided quick and comprehensive aeromedical evacuation support to all elements located within the I and II Corps Tactical Zones. Throughout this period, the unit was situated at three locations, Nha Trang, Pleiku and Qui Nhon, and from these bases, it deployed up to eleven field standby aircraft at key field sites, thereby providing twenty-four hour support to all tactical units. Because the field standby aircraft lived and moved with the supported units, an extremely high degree of responsiveness to urgent medical evacuation requests was established, allowing

the 498TH MEDICAL COMPANY (AIR AMBULANCE) to play an indispensable role in the Army Medical Service's reduction of deaths from wounds to the lowest recorded level in the history of warfare. Despite the difficulties inherent in the unconventional warfare environment, the company flew nearly twenty-seven thousand missions, recorded more than twenty-four thousand hours of combat flying and evacuated over sixty-two thousand sick and wounded patients. In addition to these tangible accomplishments, the unit has provided a tremendous morale boost to the individual soldier by demonstrating on innumerable occasions that "dust off" will brave any hazard in an attempt to rescue wounded personnel. By its singular determination, exemplary courage and intense devotion to duty, the company 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 498TH MEDICAL COMPANY (AIR AMBULANCE) 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.

26. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 504TH FIELD DEPOT and attached unit:

96th (CS) Detachment Data Processing

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 504TH FIELD DEPOT and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 November 1966 to 31 July 1967. Charged with the responsibility for the supervision and direction of the largest logistical complex in-country, the company provided command staff supervision for five separate battalions in fulfilling the essential supply mission of the United States Army Depot at Cam Ranh Bay. Imbued with a true sense of mission urgency, the company performed seemingly impossible tasks in defense of the oppressed populace of the Republic of Vietnam. The Command Maintenance Management Inspection Team of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 504TH FIELD DEPOT conducted frequent checks on the various units under its dominion, offering procedural guidance and technical assistance which were major factors in the accomplishment of a steadily declining supported material deadline rate. Although the tonnage on hand more than tripled during the award period, the company, through foresight and efficient planning, prepared additional storage areas for this anticipated increase, thereby ensuring that the high priority mission of supporting the combat effort was accomplished. In addition to performing their logistical mission in an exemplary manner, the men of the unit participated in civic action, savings and self-help programs which manifested unprecedented levels of leadership, discipline and morale within the command. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 504TH FIELD DEPOT 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.

27. THE 507TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT (UTILITIES) and attached units:

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For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 507TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT (UTILITIES) and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 16 December 1966 to 23 September 1967. The detachment provided for the construction of vitally needed logistical facilities prior to the commencement of scheduled tactical operations. This prodigious task was completed in an expeditious and exemplary manner although the unit was not designed to fulfill construction requirements. The undertakings completed by the 507TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT (UTILITIES) proved invaluable in the logistical effort during Operations CEDAR FALLS, GADSDEN, JUNCTION CITY and MANHATTAN. Included in these projects were petroleum tanks, a perimeter lighting system for the ammunition supply point, a convoy marshaling area, security fencing and bunkers, and other areas inherent in an efficient support function. Because of these accomplishments, the abilities of units involved directly in the prosecution of the counterinsurgency effort were never hindered by deficiencies in the area of logistics. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 507TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT (UTILITIES) 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 509TH RADIO RESEARCH GROUP and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Service Company, 509th Radio Research Group
101st Radio Research Company
Radio Research Communications Unit Vietnam

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 509TH RADIO RESEARCH GROUP and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1966 to 30 September 1967. During this period, the group provided intelligence support to the Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam and was deployed with every United States Army Combat Command in-country. This unit displayed the utmost in professional competence, dedication to duty and technical ability in accomplishing its mission. Through its ability to rapidly analyze numerous difficult assigned tasks, the 509TH RADIO RESEARCH GROUP consistently reacted in a timely, exceptionally efficient manner. The officers and men of the group were sagacious and dynamic in their support of the counterinsurgency effort. They successfully completed innumerable problems with vigor and determination and proved themselves to be exceptional in their professionalism. The extraordinary accomplishments of the group were of immeasurable value to the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 509TH RADIO RESEARCH 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.

29. THE 554TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION).

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 554TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 14 April 1967 to 14 February 1968. Almost immediately after

arriving in-country, the unit became an active participant in the conflict, deploying its elements to Cu Chi, Phu Loi and Lai Khe in support of combat forces. The battalion completed a phenomenal number of projects from this initial configuration, including base camp construction, the improvement of lines of communication, operational support and pacification measures. The members of the 554TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) manifested an unusual degree of professionalism and engineering acumen in developing the base camp of the 25th Infantry Division, an undertaking which included the completion of 1400 square feet of maintenance structure, 23,500 square yards of maintenance hardstand, 9000 square yards of open storage areas and numerous other structures for administrative and primary functions. Further, their ambitious Civic Action Program was invaluable to the Vietnamese populace in establishing better routes of travel, educational facilities and health procedures. By these and other aggressive actions, the battalion has immeasurably furthered the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 554TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

30. THE 577TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and attached unit:

513th Engineer Company

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 577TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and the attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 2 August 1966 to 11 June 1967. Shortly after arriving in-country, the unit became engaged in a heavy construction program in support of operations against the insurgents. Attacking each project with the sense of urgency required in counterinsurgency operations, it constructed a four hundred bed hospital in Nha Trang which was utilized by Republic of Korea Forces. Moving to Cam Ranh Bay, Company D instituted a massive construction program for the 22d Replacement Battalion, including the erection of six two-story billets, a fifteen hundred man mess hall, showers, latrines and administrative facilities. Later, the entire 577TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) made a one hundred mile tactical motor march over a recently opened highway to Tuy Hoa where work commenced on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter facility and a port complex at nearby Vung Ro Bay. The successful completion of the DeLong pier opened this area of Vietnam to direct cargo shipments from ocean going vessels and subsequently markedly improved logistical procedures throughout the adjacent area. The rapid manner in which the unit responded to each assignment is indicative of the excellent caliber of its overall performance. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 577TH 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.

31. THE 709TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 709TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the

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period 1 December 1966 to 31 December 1967. Since its deployment, the battalion has established an enviable record of providing direct maintenance support for all materiel in the 9th Infantry Division and has embellished itself by providing maintenance support that set exemplary standards for other units of its type. With minimum advance notification, the battalion inherited maintenance requirements for boat and outboard motor repair to be used in conjunction with the Mobile Riverine Force that safeguards the waterways of the Mekong Delta. The efficient manner in which the battalion assumed this additional task was characteristic of its aggressive determination. Never has an operation been terminated, postponed, suspended or delayed due to the lack of maintenance support provided by the 709TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION. With a deadline rate for electronic equipment of less than four percent, the men of the unit ensured that no combat unit in the 9th Infantry Division was ever without vitally needed electronic equipment. The battalion accomplished all missions and overcame the most arduous conditions to render outstanding support to elements of the division in combat and to provide the necessary parts to maintain the serviceability of equipment. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 709TH MAINTENANCE 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.

32. 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 the attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1967 to 8 February 1968. While superbly fulfilling its law and order and security commitments, the units simultaneously provided highly effective escorts for numerous convoys and rendered invaluable support during four major tactical operations. During the Viet Cong's TET Offensive, they acted decisively and efficiently in securing the city of Bien Hoa, escorting convoys to Bien Hoa and Saigon, establishing highway checkpoints and maintaining a reaction force which entered an area of hostile fire to assist another military police unit. The 720TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION ably undertook the responsibility for a tactical area of operation, the first such assignment for a military police element in the history of the Army. Readily adapting to the demands of the tactical situation, the units proved themselves as excellent fighting forces and won the loyalty and trust of the Vietnamese people. The exemplary Civic Action Program conducted by the battalion was instrumental in raising the economic and social well-being of the indigenous population and in encouraging them to support the effort against insurgent forces. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 720TH 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.

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