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MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

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I—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 the following named units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated:

1. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE and its attached units:

46th Military History Detachment—for the period 1 April 1968 through 31 October 1968

458th Transportation Company—for the period 28 March 1968 through 31 October 1968

The citation reads as follows:

The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 26 September 1967 through 31 October 1968. As command and control headquarters for all non-tactical military police organizations in the Republic of Vietnam, the officers and men of the detachment displayed extraordinary dedication, tenacity and professionalism in sustaining subordinate commands dispersed throughout the theater. With unrelenting effort, they labored far in excess of the normal duty hours to ensure that all elements of the brigade maintained a high level of security at their assigned areas of surveillance. Displaying superb foresight and organizational expertise, the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE were particularly successful in rendering route reconnaissance, convoy escort and security; in providing a safeguard for critical installations and urban areas and in controlling and securing the Long Binh Post tactical area of responsibility. They demonstrated outstanding capabilities in counteracting the enemy's 1968 TET Offensive and in the subsequent period of increased enemy activity. In cooperation with Vietnamese and other free world military and civil law enforcement agencies, the detachment's members contributed immeasurably to the stability and maintenance of law and order. Their exceptional achievements and continual support of combat operations have materially advanced the Allied struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 29TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP and its attached units:

297th Signal Detachment—for the period 9 April 1967 through 30 June 1968

854th Signal Detachment—for the period 9 April 1967 through 30 June 1968

The citation reads as follows:

The HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 29TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 20 July 1966 through 30 June 1968. Demonstrating exceptional foresight and organizational expertise, the officers and men of the company successfully planned, coordinated and supervised the administrative and logistical support of the divisional and nondivisional units deployed throughout the III Corps Tactical Zone. By the efficient employment of available resources and capabilities, they successfully established forward supply areas for the provision of all classes of supply, services and back-up maintenance support for tactical units engaged in Operations TOLEDO, TULSA, SHENANDOAH, ATTLEBORO, CEDAR FALLS, JUNCTION CITY, MANHATTAN, YELLOWSTONE, FARGO, and SAN ANGELO. By providing the guidance and supervision necessary to effectively stage three infantry brigades and to sponsor thirty lesser units, the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 29TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP assured that adequate supplies, laundry and bathing facilities and potable water were available to these organizations. Through their determined efforts, the unit's personnel succeeded in upgrading unsatisfactory organizational maintenance practices and, by expeditiously supplying critical repair parts, they significantly decreased the equipment maintenance deadline rates. By continually rendering the optimum in logistical support, they materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 29TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. THE 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 69th Signal Battalion

Company A, 69th Signal Battalion

Company B, 69th Signal Battalion

Company C, 69th Signal Battalion

446th Signal Detachment—for the period 1 November 1966 to 15 August 1967

455th Signal Detachment—for the period 1 November 1966 to 15 August 1967

580th Signal Company—for the period 1 November 1966 to 15 August 1967

593d Signal Company

The citation reads as follows:

The 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of

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Vietnam during the period 1 November 1966 through 31 October 1967. During this period the officers and men of the battalion were highly responsive to the constantly changing and increasing requirements for communications and communications support of Headquarters, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam; Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam and the other free world military forces in the Republic of Vietnam. With initiative, resourcefulness and professional competence, the organization's members transformed an obsolete manual telephone and communications system into a modern dial telephone system and greatly improved the communications-electronics service throughout Vietnam. Through timely, astute planning, meticulous attention to detail and expeditious and efficient resolution of myriad complex problems by the members of the 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION, the movement of Headquarters, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam and Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam took place with no significant communications failures. Through great personal sacrifice, hard work and professional competence, the battalion's personnel provided highly reliable communications support to the Allied efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States:

II—VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. 1. 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, is amended to delete, "340th Aviation Detachment".

2. Paragraph 2, Section III, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade and its assigned and attached units, is amended to delete, "340th Aviation Detachment".

3. So much of paragraph 2, Section III, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) to the 1st Aviation Brigade and its assigned and attached units, as reads "... during the period 22 February 1967 to 17 May 1968", is amended to read, "... during the period 27 March 1967 to 17 May 1968 for the following units:

- 1st Signal Detachment
- 5th Quartermaster Detachment
- 6th Signal Detachment
- 8th Medical Detachment
- 8th Military History Detachment
- 18th Aviation Company
- 25th Medical Detachment
- 26th Signal Detachment
- 28th Signal Detachment
- Battery H, 29th Artillery
- 41st Medical Detachment
- 52d Quartermaster Detachment
- 52d Security Platoon (Provisional)
- 53d Quartermaster Detachment
- 54th Aviation Company
- 62d Quartermaster Detachment

68th Aviation Company	200t
68th Infantry Detachment	205t
69th Infantry Detachment	208t
70th Signal Detachment	210t
71st Aviation Company	213t
74th Aviation Company	214t
78th Artillery Detachment	219t
80th Transportation Detachment	220t
83d Medical Detachment	221-
87th Quartermaster Detachment	222-
94th Medical Detachment	223-
94th Signal Detachment	225t
96th Signal Detachment	231-
98th Transportation Detachment	234t
114th Aviation Company	240t
116th Aviation Company	243-
118th Aviation Company	255-
119th Aviation Company	255t
120th Aviation Company	256-
121st Aviation Company	256-
125th Air Traffic Control Company	257-
129th Aviation Company	268-
129th Medical Detachment	269-
130th Medical Detachment	271-
140th Transportation Detachment	277-
145th Aviation Battalion	279-
147th Aviation Company	281-
150th Transportation Detachment	282-
151st Transportation Detachment	282-
154th Medical Detachment	283-
155th Aviation Company	285-
162d Aviation Company	286-
163d Medical Detachment	290-
165th Transportation Detachment	325-
166th Transportation Detachment	329-
170th Aviation Company	33-
171st Transportation Detachment	33-
173d Aviation Company	33-
174th Aviation Company	33-
175th Aviation Company	33-
176th Aviation Company	34-
178th Aviation Company	34-
179th Aviation Company	34-
180th Aviation Company	34-
183d Aviation Company	34-
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187th Aviation Company	34-
188th Aviation Company	39-
189th Aviation Company	39-
191st Aviation Company	39-
196th Aviation Company	39-

200th Aviation Company
205th Aviation Company
208th Signal Detachment
210th Aviation Battalion
213th Aviation Company
214th Aviation Battalion
219th Aviation Company
220th Aviation Company
221st Aviation Company
222d Aviation Battalion
223d Aviation Battalion
225th Aviation Company
231st Signal Detachment
234th Signal Detachment
240th Aviation Company
243d Signal Detachment
255th Quartermaster Detachment
255th Transportation Detachment
256th Signal Detachment
256th Transportation Detachment
257th Signal Detachment
268th Aviation Battalion
269th Aviation Battalion
271st Aviation Company
277th Signal Detachment
279th Signal Detachment
281st Aviation Company
282d Aviation Company
282d Signal Detachment
283d Signal Detachment
285th Signal Detachment
286th Medical Detachment
296th Signal Detachment
325th Signal Detachment
329th Transportation Detachment
334th Aviation Company
335th Aviation Company
336th Aviation Company
338th Aviation Detachment
339th Aviation Detachment
342d Aviation Detachment
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390th Transportation Detachment
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 534th Medical Detachment
 538th Signal Detachment
 544th Transportation Detachment
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 546th Medical Detachment
 571st Transportation Detachment
 573d Transportation Detachment
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 619th Transportation Detachment
 647th Transportation Detachment
 755th Medical Detachment
 756th Medical Detachment
 758th Medical Detachment
 759th Medical Detachment
 772d Medical Detachment
 774th Medical Detachment
 821st Signal Detachment
 932d Signal Detachment

4. So much of paragraph 3, Section II, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 25th Infantry Division and its assigned and attached units, as reads: "... during

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the period December 1965 to August 1968," is amended to read, ". . . during the period December 1965 through August 1968 . . ."

5. Paragraph 2, Section V, DA General Orders 31, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 9th Infantry Division and its assigned and attached units, is amended to delete "5th Battalion, 60th Infantry".

6. Paragraph 2, Section V, DA General Orders 31, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 9th Infantry Division and its assigned and attached units, is amended to add:

"709th Maintenance Battalion

39th Chemical Detachment

Reliable Academy (Provisional)

United States Army Special Security Group, Assistant Chief of Staff
for Intelligence, Department of the Army, 9th Infantry Division
Detachment".

7. Paragraph 2, Section VI, DA General Orders 31, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) to the 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division and its assigned and attached units, is amended to delete, "5th Battalion, 60th Infantry".

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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