

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

5th SPECIAL FORCES GROUP, 1st SPECIAL FORCES

Constituted 5 July 1942 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, Third Regiment, 1st Special Service Force, a combined Canadian-American organization

Activated 9 July 1942 at Fort William Henry Harrison, Montana

Disbanded 6 January 1945 in France

Reconstituted 15 April 1960 in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (activated 1 September 1943), and consolidated unit redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces

(Organic elements constituted 8 September 1961)

Group activated 21 September 1961 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

(Former Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion, withdrawn 3 February 1986, consolidated with former Headquarters and Headquarters Companies, 1st, 3d, 4th, and 6th Ranger Infantry Battalions, former Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company, 2d Infantry Battalion, and Headquarters, 75th Infantry, and consolidated unit redesignated as Headquarters, 75th Ranger Regiment - hereafter separate lineage)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

\*Aleutian Islands  
\*Naples-Foggia  
\*Anzio  
\*Rome-Arno  
\*Southern France (with arrowhead)  
\*Rhineland

Vietnam

Southwest Asia  
\*Defense of Saudi Arabia  
\*Liberation and Defense  
of Kuwait

\*Advisory  
\*Defense  
\*Counteroffensive  
\*Counteroffensive, Phase II  
\*Counteroffensive, Phase III  
\*Tet Counteroffensive  
\*Counteroffensive, Phase IV  
\*Counteroffensive, Phase V  
\*Counteroffensive, Phase VI  
\*Tet 69/Counteroffensive  
\*Summer-Fall 1969  
\*Winter-Spring 1970  
\*Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
\*Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

\*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1968  
\*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968  
\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968

\*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1964-1969

\*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970

\*Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1970