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3 September 1969

Brigadier General Harold G. Moore, Jr.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
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Dear General Moore:

You will recall our conversation in which I solicited your help in getting a set of ribbons for General Knowles from the PX over there. While I know that you are busy with the new job and flight training, I hope that you will be able to have someone take care of it for us.

I have inclosed both a list of awards and a diagram for their relative positions. The xerox copy of the State of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation is incorrect as I used the VN service ribbon. Consequently, the PX will have to be cautioned to use the correct ribbon. I think that General Knowles would like to first try one set for his greens, then if he is as satisfied as General Woodward is with his, additional sets for greens, whites, and blues can be ordered if this will not soiree you too much. If the jump wings (US and ARVN) and Army Aviator wings are first-class and not too expensive, you could include a set of them.

Life in OPS continues as usual with its normal quota of crashes and flaps.

The summer personnel turnover is about over and we are now adjusting to the new personalities. We have lost the top spots on the OAC handball ladder with your and John Heiss' departures.

For your information, I have inclosed a letter from the Sgt Major of the 1st Air Cav and an extract of the 1st Cav paper on unit decorations.

If this is too much of an imposition, please so state and I shall make other arrangements.

Most sincerely,

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CORWIN A. MITCHELL
Lieutenant Colonel, GS
Assistant Executive

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1. Distinguished Service Medal
2. Silver Star
3. Legion of Merit w/1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
4. Distinguished Flying Cross w/1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
5. Bronze Star Medal w/V Device and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
6. Air Medal w/5 Silver Oak Leaf Clusters or Number 25
7. Purple Heart
8. American Campaign Medal
9. European, ETO, Campaign w/2 Bronze Battle Stars
10. World War II Victory Medal
11. Army of Occupation
12. National Defense Service Medal w/1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
13. Korean Service Medal w/5 Bronze Battle Stars
14. Viet Nam Service Medal w/4 Bronze Battle Stars
15. VN National Order Fifth Class
16. VN Gallantry Cross w/2 Bronze Palms
17. VN Armed Forces Honor Medal 1st Class
18. United Nations Service Medal
19. RVN Campaign w/Year Bar (1964--)

1. Presidential Unit Citation
2. Navy ^{Presidential} Meritorious Unit Citation w/1 Bronze Battle Star
3. Meritorious Unit Citation
4. Republic of Korea Presidential Citation
5. VN Gallantry Cross w/Bronze Palm
6. State of Viet Nam Presidential Unit Citation



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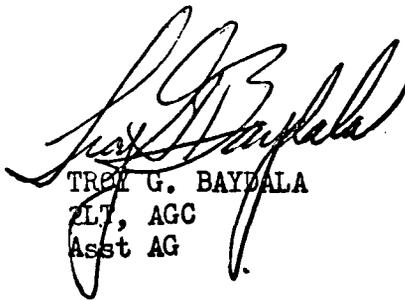
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SUBJECT: Vietnamese Decorations to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)

Department of the Army
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations
ATTN: Sergeant Major Lewis
Washington, D. C. 20310

1. Reference your letter of 8 July 69 to Command Sergeant Major, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) concerning Vietnamese Decorations to the Unit.
2. The 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) has received the Gallantry Cross with Palm awarded by the Government of the Republic of South Vietnam. At present the Unit Citation Emblem may be worn only by members of the Division. When the award is confirmed in Department of the Army General Orders, it may be worn by anyone who served in the Division from 7 August 1965 to 19 May 1969.
3. At present this award is the only Unit Citation presented to the Division by the Government of the Republic of South Vietnam.

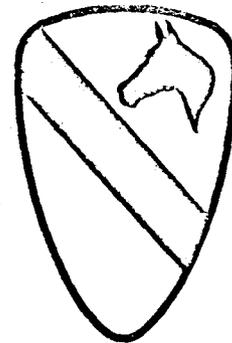
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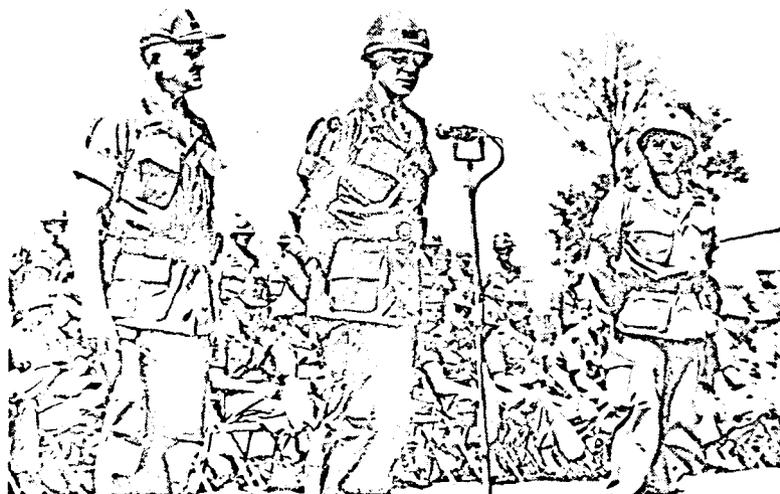
Column One

... One Nation,
Under God,
Indivisible ..."

As Americans, as Veterans of THE FIRST TEAM who have fought and bled and perspired and died for our Country, it is our duty and responsibility to support the United States.

It is our duty to examine carefully the philosophies of those who believe that our Country is indivisible, those who seek to divide, those who preach divisive policy.

It is our duty to analyze the fashionable and perhaps reasonable tendencies to denounce our leaders and our Government for decisions taken conscientiously and on the basis of the best available intelligence . . . to look carefully at the motives of the demagogues who oppose our commitments to



Major General E.B. Roberts (center), assuming command of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in ceremonies at Phuoc Vinh on May 5th, 1969, greets the assembled dignitaries, officers and personnel from the division, expressing his commitment to continuing and furthering the distinguished Cavalry record and traditions. He is flanked on his right by Lieutenant General William B. Rosson, deputy commander of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV), and left by Brigadier General Frank Meszar who acted as interim division commander following the departure of Major General George I. Forsythe in April. (US ARMY PHOTO by SP4 Philip M. Blackmarr)

Amateur Photo Contest

Having noted that approximately one out of two Skytroopers has a camera and takes snapshots many of them WHERE THE ACTION IS the 1st Cavalry Division Association is announcing a photo contest within THE FIRST TEAM, with prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 for amateur snapshots submitted in print form.

Each print should be accompanied (not written on the print or on the back of the print) by a caption sheet to include

Name and Military Address of the owner. Date and place where the picture is taken. Brief description of the action pictured.

Selection for prizes will be made by a Committee of the Association based on the snapshots best exemplifying the Esprit and Mobility of THE FIRST TEAM.

All submissions become the property of the Association. Each will be acknowledged. Awards will be forwarded thru SKYTROOPER CHAPTER of the Association in

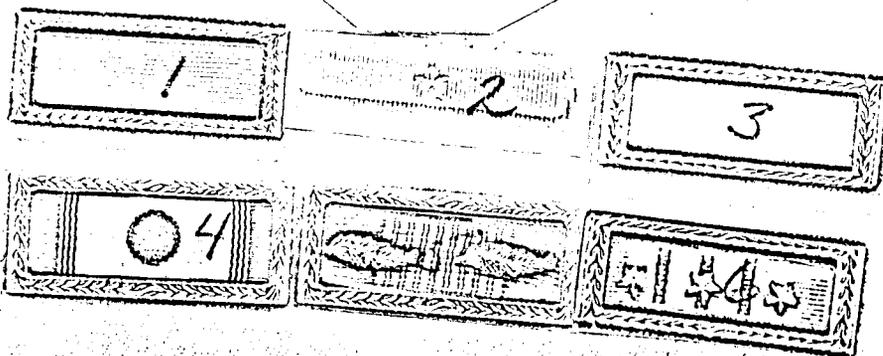
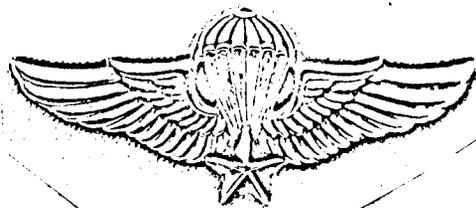
VIETNAM PUC AWARDED

The 1st Air Cav Div was presented the Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation by LtG Do Cao Tri, ARVN III Corps CG, on 19 April. The award is made for the combat operations from 7 Aug 65 to 19 Apr 69, and cites in part the heavy damage inflicted to the Communist insurgency, heavy enemy casualties inflicted, and weapons and materiel captured, by the 1st Air Cav Div.

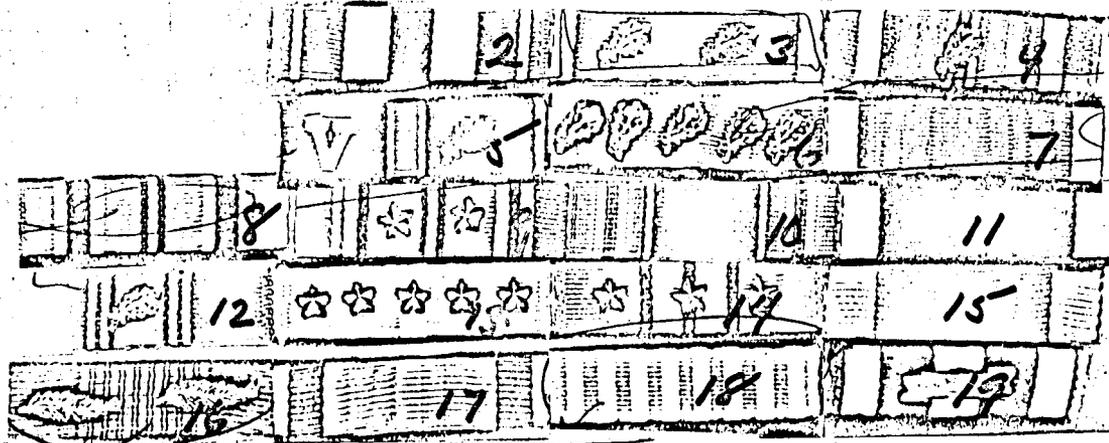
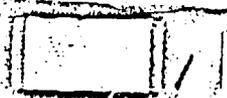
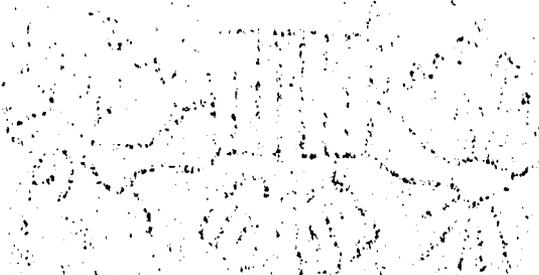
The award cannot be worn until official approval by the Department of the Army after which members of The 1st Air Cav Div prior to 19 Apr 1969 will be authorized to wear it, whether or not they are serving in the Division at the time.

Horseman

Lt Col J. B. STOCKTON of the 1st Air Cav Div rode the horse in July 1965 in the presence of



Use for relative
positions only



USE FOR RELATIVE
POSITION ONLY

- 1 PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
- 2 NAVY ~~Meritorious~~^{Presidential} UNIT CITATION w/ 1 Bronze battle star
- 3 MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION
- 4 REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL CITATION
- 5 VN BRAVERY CROSS w/ BRONZE PALM
- 6 STATE OF VIET NAM PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

- 1 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
- 2 SILVER STAR
- 3 LEGION OF MERIT w/ 2^{Bronze} OAK LEAF CLUSTERS
- 4 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS w/ 1 Bronze OAK LEAF CLUSTER
- 5 BRONZE STAR MEDAL w/ V DEVICE & 1 Bronze OAK LEAF CLUSTER
- 6 AIR MEDAL w/ 5 SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTERS OR Nat 25
- 7 PURPLE HEART
- 8 AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
- 9 EUROPEAN, ETC, CAMPAIGN w/ 2^{Bronze} Battle stars
- 10 WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
- 11 ARMY OF OCCUPATION
- 12 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL w/ 1 Bronze Oak leaf clust
- 13 Korean Service Medal w/ 5 Bronze battle stars
- 14 Vietnam Service Medal w/ 4 Bronze battle stars
- 15 VN NATIONAL ORDER Fifth Class
- 16 VN Gallantry Cross w/ 2 bronze palms
- 17 VN Armed Forces Honor Medal 1st Class
- 18 United Nations Service Medal
- 19 RVN CAMPAIGN w/ YEAR BAR (1964-)