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Appendix A

COMMANDERS OF CAVALRY, ARMOR, AND MECHANIZED INFANTRY UNITS

The list that follows includes all commanders of armored units of the U.S. Army in Vietnam at battalion and squadron level and above and the organization to which the armored unit was assigned or attached. When an armored unit was permanently attached or assigned as an independent unit below that level, as in the case of a separate cavalry troop attached to an infantry brigade, the commanders have also been included.

Ground Cavalry Units

1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry¹ (23d Infantry Division—Americal)

Lt. Col. Richard Harrington, August 1967–January 1968; Lt. Col. Walter C. Cousland, January–July 1968; Lt. Col. Richard D. Lawrence, July–November 1968; Lt. Col. Philip L. Bolte, November 1968–May 1969; Lt. Col. John H. Dure, May–November 1969; Lt. Col. Richard G. Graves, December 1969–July 1970; Lt. Col. Crosbie E. Saint, July–October 1970; Lt. Col. Sheldon J. Burnett, October 1970–March 1971; Lt. Col. Gene L. Breeding, March–July 1971; Lt. Col. Richard E. Lorix, July 1971–April 1972.

Troop E, 1st Cavalry (11th Infantry Brigade, 23d Infantry Division—Americal)

Capt. Terry L. Alexander, October 1967–May 1968; Capt. James R. Oley, May–November 1968; Capt. Kenneth R. Breeden, November 1968–May 1969; 1st Lt. Tony E. Varda, May–June 1969; Capt. Joe F. Galle, June 1969–March 1970; Capt. Robert P. Seng, March–June 1970; Capt. Kenneth P. Lord III, July–September 1970; Capt. Richard A. Williams, September–November 1970; Capt. James L. Wilson, November 1970–September 1971; Capt. Michael V. Foster, September–October 1971.

2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry² (4th Infantry Division)

Lt. Col. Joseph M. Gay, Jr., August 1967–January 1968; Lt. Col. Charles P. Graham, January–June 1968; Lt. Col. Donald W. Moreau,

¹ Although attached to the 23d Infantry Division, this unit remained assigned to the 1st Armored Division, and troops who served with it may wear an armored division patch on the right shoulder of their uniforms. They and the men of the 2d Squadron (see next fn.) were the first to achieve this distinction since World War II.

² Although attached to the 4th Infantry Division, this unit remained assigned to the 2d Armored Division, and troops who served with it may wear the 2d Armored Division patch on the right shoulder.